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Special Correspondence of New-York Daily Times.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Jan. 24, 1855.

Gen. SCOTT threatens to make a speech on the "General Policy"—but premises it shall be a brief one. It is striking and impressive. The last number of Frank Leslie's *New-York Journal* contains a specially thoughtful conference I have seen for months. Its subject is the "Ostend Treaty." The scene is a fertile looking sugar-cane field, in which the negroes are hard at work, while in the distance one sees a ship, typical of commerce, with character and form, indicative of civilization and national strength. At the right in the foreground is a goatly female figure—a crucifix dangling from her neck and a diadem upon her brow—standing in an attitude of supplication, with one hand extended as if in expostulation, while the other is employed in pushing a miniature specimen of shoddy into a chest in evident trepidation. The figure of the little negro is itself a comicality, with his distended abdomen, the corners of a very expressive mouth drawn downward to a point nearly opposite the eye, and with his eyes standing out from their sockets as they are turned with affright from the scene upon the central principal figure in the cut. This central figure stands directly opposite the Indian, and is dressed as RICHARD III. There is no mistaking the face—it is PIERCE SOUTH, with constipation and rage depicted upon his countenance, who stands with a six-barreled revolver in one hand, ready cocked, and pointed directly at the Indian, while with the other he takes a heavy, well-filled purse of gold. The inscription follows in, "P——— S———." (Character similar to Richard *III.*, ha.)—"Madam, take your choice! Little Cuba I must have." Colonel Benton, fond of holding up this picture to the House in his speech on the "Ostend question," but there is one difficulty—it cannot well be reported, either phonographically or stenographically, although the Ostend shade it would be funny enough for all practical purposes.

This Ostend Conference has furnished material for a great many newspaper articles of late. To-morrow day, I shall give the substance of the protocols, which, I have reason to believe, will be found to represent the views of the Administration. The protocols, which were variously interpreted in the newspapers, I have seen for myself. A conference, however, of the plenipotentiaries from that locality, will reveal no discrepancy, bearing the fact that their participators are dealing entirely in fabrications and surmises. There is, in fact, very little known upon the subject. The Ministers PRESIDENT, MASON and SOULE, and they alone, met by appointment at Ostend (not Paris, as originally stated,) is known to be true. It is quite certain that they agreed upon a course of foreign policy, in certain respects, to be recommended to the Administration; but, it is a little remarkable, that in all their guessings upon the subject, none of those who have tried their hand upon the subject have ever yet, even by accident, approached a true statement of the character of the recommendations made by the gentlemen composing the conference. I desire to place this declaration by the side of all the stories relative to the Ostend business—perfectly confident that it will be certainly vindicated whenever Mr. BUCHANAN's dispatch containing the recommendation is published. This may seem like a profession on the part of your correspondent to know more upon this subject than all his professional cotemporaries. Well, let the official dispatches settle the question between us—I am quite willing to abide the test.

Our Government has been making some inquiry into the motive of Great Britain in sending a large naval force recently to Central America, and a dispatch has been received, setting forth as the reason for so doing, the newspaper statement that Captain HOLLINS, of Greytown celebrity, was to be sent back there with an increased force. Surely, this is slight occasion for such energetic action by John Bull; and only affords another evidence of the keen determination of the Allies to hold us in check on this continent, as well as to dominate over Europe. Of course, there never was any reasonable foundation for the HOLLANS story; but it originated with a little provincial power here—which seeks to create an impression of its great importance by continually dropping that such a character belongs to it—and was copied from it into some of the New-York papers, and by that means obtained currency and consequence. Your readers were promptly apprised of its groundlessness.

The French Spoliation bill, to-day, looks decidedly like passing in the House. Its friends are hard at work, and are managing with considerable tact and skill. From present appearances, I should think the bill would have at least twenty majority. Its friends seem to have no fear that it will be vetoed by the President; and while, perhaps, its defeat in the House might be deemed rather a fortunate occurrence by the Executive, I hardly believe he will assume the responsibility of refusing his signature.

The Emigrant Passenger bill, published in the TRIBUNE this morning, is a substitute reported by Mr. FOWLER, in lieu of that reported last session by the Select Committee on the subject. It differs from the original in several essential particulars, amendments having been made for the purpose of conforming, so far as possible, the objections made to the former by persons engaged in the emigrant passenger trade. Why will not Congress take up this bill and pass it without delay? Surely, the work of humanity developed so carefully by an intelligent Select Committee of Congress, may be acted upon and adopted without danger of serious detriment to any honest party, and with a certainty of great benefit to a very large class of our fellow beings. I confess, however, the conversation now that the bill will not be acted upon at the present session.

The Albany *Evening Journal*, in connection with a well-deserved compliment to the manly independence, and the high mental and moral qualities of General CULLOM, of Tennessee, mentions the name of Mr. EDGERTON is a list of Southern Whigs who have earned their title of true men. Mr. EDGERTON is from Ohio; and the *Journal* undoubtedly intended to speak of Mr. EVERETTSON, of North Carolina, than whom there is no truer, more honest, more energetic or more useful Whig in the House. a.

THIRTY-THIRD CONGRESS....Second Session.

SENATE.... WASHINGTON, Thursday, Jan. 25.

A message was received from the President, enclosing the communication from the Secretary of the Interior, asking an appropriation in reference to Indian matters. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Another Message was also received containing information relative to the Post-Offices, Custom-Houses, and Mints in the different cities, which was ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-roads.

Mr. SEWARD presented a petition from the citizens of Genesee County, N. Y., remonstrating against the Graduation bill of last session, and in favor of the Homestead bill.

Mr. COOPER presented the memorial of Mr. TILDEN, of Philadelphia, offering an estate to Congress.

Mr. SUMNER presented two memorials from the citizens of Wilmington, Delaware, in favor of the mediation of the United States between European belligerents; also, two memorials from the same place in favor of ocean steam postage.

Mr. CHASE introduced a bill for the improvement of the navigation of the Ohio, and it was made the special order of the day for Monday next. It appropriates $200,000, and makes the Louisville and Portland Canal free.

MR. COOPER ON FOREIGN PAUPERS.

Mr. COOPER, in addressing the Senate in support of his emigrant and pauper resolutions, said he presumed that Senators were aware that several States of Europe transport their paupers and criminals here. This was unfriendly and unjust. Nations in amity with us have no right to make our land their penal colony. But a month ago, a single vessel landed at New-York one hundred and fifty paupers, and fifteen convicts wearing chains on their limbs. More recently another vessel brought quite a number of Swiss, sent here at the expense of their Government. The Sardinian Government, also, recently shipped thirty-four convicts and criminals to New-York. It is a common practice among the several States of Continental Europe, to make contracts for the transportation hither of their paupers, and sometimes the inmates of their penitentiaries. The agents of great passenger lines make arrangements for the removal of the paupers of Ireland and European towns to Antwerp, Bremen, Havre, and other emports for transportation hither, and in Ireland a similar practice is pursued. We have as much right, and it is as much our duty, to protect ourselves against vice and crime as against disease. If, upon a point of sentiment merely, we receive an insult the whole nation takes fire and war is threatened, but we patiently acquiesce in this discharge of Abolitionists and Felons on our shores for fear that we may lose the votes of our foreign population. He was willing the country should continue to be the asylum of the oppressed of every land, that those who come here should be fed from our abundance, sheltered, and to participate by our institutions in their powers and property, but the time had come when the door of admission should be barred against all needed and indigent paupers, and all persons convicted or suspected of crime, who shall be sent here by their respective Governments. The Mayor of New-York has addressed the municipal bodies of that City, as well as the President of the United States, on the subject, and enough has been published to alarm the apprehensions of every Christian and patriot in the land. He (Mr. Cooper) intended also presenting on the same score of importance another subject, namely, the employment of convicts in our prisons and workhouses. He did not believe the worthy immigrant would object to the measure proposed. It would effect only suffering decrepit and criminals. He next reviewed the statistics of pauperism and crime as disclosed by the last census, and said that the facts represented should induce Congress to provide the necessary legislation for the protection of our people.

Mr. BROOKES offered an amendment, that secret political associations are repugnant to republican institutions and subversive of the liberties of the people.

A sharp war of words then ensued between Mr. COOPER and his colleague, and no little irritation of feeling was manifested on the part of the former.

Mr. WELLER offered two resolutions as an amendment, declaring free speech and open discussion essential to republican liberty, and the abrogation of religious tests for office was constitutional and expressive of the sentiments of the American people. He challenged any Senator to meet him on these issues.

Messrs. BAYARD and CLAYTON then made a few remarks, when the further consideration of Mr. COOPER's resolution was postponed, and the Army Appropriation bill was taken up.

The motion made, yesterday, to strike out the item for the extension of the Capitol, was not agreed to.

INDIAN MATTERS.

Mr. SHIELDS submitted two amendments. The first was the appointment of three Commissioners to proceed to the Indian country and make treaties of amity with the friendly tribes and guarantee them protection, and report such treaties, as well as those who continue hostile to the President, and each military commander as he shall direct. The other, after reciting the recent Indian difficulties, proposes that mounted volunteers, not exceeding three thousand, and not exceeding five hundred friendly Indians—the latter for rangers, scouts, hunters and guides—be called into service for eighteen months.

Mr. CASS objected to the employment of Indians.

Mr. SHIELDS observed that for guides and scouts they were indispensable, and he recommended placing at the disposal of the President this force immediately, to prevent immense hordes of Indians from destroying the settlements of the whites next Spring.

Mr. BELL thought that pacific measures would be more efficacious and economical. He said that Commissioners could settle the difficulties, and that the number of hostile Indians had been very much overrated.

Mr. BELL suggested that these Commissioners should be men acquainted with the Indian character, and not politicians.

Mr. SHIELDS thought the most pacific measures would be the immediate chastisement of the authors.

The CHAIRMAN of the Committee on Military then abandoned the idea of the employment of Indians, and Messrs. JOHNSON, HUNTER and others, discussed the appointment of Commissioners.

Mr. HUNTER thought an increase of the regulars would be preferable to an army of volunteers, as the latter would invite war.

Mr. GWIN thought the proper Commissioner would be the General-in-Chief of the Army, who would know whom to trust.

Mr. HUNTER then obtained the floor, and on his motion to do so the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Jan. 25.

The Speaker laid before the House a message from the President of the United States, in response to the resolution of August last, relative to the selection of the sites for the accommodation of Courts and Post-Offices in Philadelphia and New-York.

Mr. WIVES unannounced from the reading of the Message that the President does not deem it advisable to exercise the authority conferred on him, and submitted to the House the various communications, that the House may make a selection. He is not the executive great line authority to make a final purchase, but only the power to select sites, requiring him to submit his action on the figures for their approval. The subject is one of importance to Philadelphia and New-York. The authority must be made that with regard to the money and with the power to decide. He understood there was a number of propositions, some in one place and some high and others low priced. In view of this, he moved the subject be referred to a Select Committee. Adopted.

Mr. CHANDLER made another ineffectual attempt to call up the Senate resolution authorizing an expedition to be sent to the relief of Dr. KANE.

The House went into Committee on the French Spoliation bill.

Mr. PHELPS said, being personally in the subject, not by any act of his own, he should take no part in the legislation on the subject.

Mr. ORR remarked, that there was not a gentleman in the House but had been supplied with piles of documents in favor of these claims, while nothing had been furnished in opposition to them. What was asserted on truths, would, on sifting the documents turn out not to be fact. The $5,000,000 proposed to be appropriated would be but entering a wedge to $20,000,000 more, at least. He argued to show that our Government abandoned these claims, because, under international law they could not be properly enforced against France.

Mr. PHILLIPS, proceeding on the admitted fact that hostilities were commenced under the authority of France on American commerce, insisted that our Government is liable for damage. He denied, in reply to Mr. ORR, that they have ever been ignored. On the contrary, our Government has universally recognized and held them valid. So far from ignoring the claim, Congress, in July, 1836, by declaring its intent and exonerated from the stipulations between the United States and France, made it the ground, in the most solemn manner, of the justness of the claims.

Mr. MILLSON argued in favor of excluding from the benefit of the bill the assignees of claimants and insurance officers. Claimants have been adroitly used to build up influence to serve the passage of the bill, that assignees and insurance officers may obtain a larger share of the appropriation, which should be confined to those who have claims for spoliation.

Mr. BAYLY closed the general debate—answering, at length, the objections made against the bill. Judge MARSHALL had said there were never better claims on the face of the earth, and where the obligation on the part of the Government to pay was strongest. The fact that a similar measure was vetoed by President POLK, ought to strengthen the bill under consideration.

Without proceeding further, the Committee rose and the House adjourned.

The Brig Bainbridge—Know-Nothing Nomination in Virginia.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Jan. 25.

The *Star* intimates that the commander of the brig *Bainbridge* cut short his cruise in consequence of a disagreement with the commander of the Brazil squadron, and took the responsibility of coming home without orders.

The *American Organ* denies the report that a nomination has been made by the Virginia Know-Nothings, and says a nomination will one long be made by a Convention of the party.

Commenced snowing here this evening, with prospects of a heavy fall.

Mr. CLAYTON, in the Senate to-day, endorsed all the views expressed by Mr. COOPER to-day, and promised to enlarge upon them at some future time.

Col. SUTHERLAND of Philadelphia, and Major MCNAIR of Washington, are vigorously at work carrying out the plans of the recent Old Soldiers' Convention.

Supreme Court of the United States.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Jan. 25.

Hon. ANDREW P. HANDAY, of Indiana, and J. B. DICKERSON, of Pennsylvania, were admitted attorneys and counselors.

No. 48—Thomas Zane et al., appellants, vs. Joseph E. Law. Argument was continued by Mr. May for appellants, and Messrs. Carlisle and Coxe for appellee.

Arrival of the Southern Mail, &c.

BALTIMORE, Thursday, Jan. 25.

New-Orleans papers of Friday are received. Messrs. KENNEDY & Co., whose failure has been announced, state in their Card that all regular business not connected with the house of "RHODES, PEORIAN & Co., St. Louis, will be continued, and all demands and liabilities promptly met.

The Washington *Sentinel* of this morning says that the Grand Council of Know-Nothings, recently in session in Alexandria, nominated or expressed a preference for Hon. JAMES F. STROTHER as a candidate for the Governorship of Virginia.

Mr. WALTER, the Architect, has completed a design of a magnificent new dome for the Capitol.

The Railroad Riot—Order Restored.

BUFFALO, Thursday, Jan. 25.

The Sheriff and local magistrates, accompanied by one hundred soldiers, Government troops, proceeded yesterday to the point on the Buffalo and Brantford Railroad occupied by the rioters. At Fort Cobbom, fifty Irishmen had opened a draw-bridge and refused to have it closed. The law was explained to them, and being assured that legal redress was within their reach, they voluntarily closed the draw and promised no further molestation at any point. The party then returned, and thus the matter rests for the present.

Burning of a Coal Boat—Two Lives Lost

MARCUS CROSS, Thursday, Jan. 25.

A New-Brunswick coal boat caught fire at the wharf last night, and the Captain of her, with his son, being drunk, it is supposed, in the cabin at the time, their bodies were burned to a crisp before they could be rescued.

Fire in Oswego, &c.

OSWEGO, Thursday, Jan 25.

The dwelling of RUSSEL BEACH was entirely destroyed by fire last night. Loss not large.

We had a slight snow storm last night, but to-day the weather is fine, and the sleighing excellent. Thermometer at 6° this morning.

The Harbor is open.

Balloon Ascent—Balloon Burst in the Air.

EASTON, (Pa.) Thursday, Jan. 25.

Miss LOUISA BRADLEY, of Philadelphia, made a fine balloon ascension this morning. The balloon went up straight for a great distance, then veered to the east for a short distance and burst, when, what remained of it forming into a parachute, Miss BRADLEY came down fast and landed four miles from here uninjured. The excitement was intense until word was received of her safety.

Acquittal of an Ex-County Treasurer.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, Jan. 25.

SIMPSON, the ex-County Treasurer, has been acquitted in the criminal suit against him for embezzlement.

Weather Reports.

BOSTON, Thursday, Jan. 25.

Snow to a depth of about two inches fell here last night. Weather clear to-day. The noon reports from Ogdensburg, Montreal, Burlington and Concord, state the weather to be fine.

The New Washington Disaster—Another Loss of Life.

Yesterday morning, Coroner O'DONNELL held an inquest on the body of Mr. HENRY WILSON, the last member of Hose Company No. 43, who was run over on Saturday morning week, at Fort Washington, on the lamentable occasion of the burning of Mr. HAVEN's stables, and the loss of life, by burning and suffocation, of three of his daughters. The deceased has left a wife and six children. The jury rendered a verdict in accordance with the above facts.

LATE FROM THE BAHAMAS.

The U. S. Steamer Fulton at Nassau—Prisoners set free.

From the Charleston Courier, Jan. 22.

By the arrival yesterday at this port of the British brig Wave, Capt. SEYMOUR, from Nassau, N. P., we have been placed in possession of Nassau papers to the 16th instant.

The salines broke out at Salt Cay, Turks Island, on the 20th ult., and the deaths up to the 29th ult., amounted to twenty-nine.

The British brig *Matilda*, which vessel was sent from Nassau to take in the copper ore taken on board of the *Young Queen*, wrecked on Crooked Island last year, sailed from that place about the middle of December.

Letters for the United States can now be conveyed from Nassau by British packet only as far as Kingston, Jamaica. Postage to that port 4d. the half ounce, payable in advance.

The United States steamer *Fulton*, Commander MITCHELL, arrived at Nassau on the 14th instant, from Norfolk, which place she left on the 20th ult. The *Fulton* was on a cruise in search of the missing ship *Albany*, Commander GRANT, supposed, to be lost. She put in for coal, but not obtaining any, went on the harbor on the 6th inst. through the Eastern passage.

A severe gale took place at Crooked Island on the night of the 29th and 30th ult. The wrecking schooner *Mary Clade*, Capt. HANNA, drove on shore at Long Bay, and became a total wreck. Fears were still entertained there.

The sloop *Dreadnaut*, owned by THOMAS KNOX, was driven on shore at Black Wood Bank, Bahama Bank, on the 20th ult., when it became necessary to cut away her mast. She was got off by the schooner *Victoria*, and towed into Bullock's Harbor, Berry Islands. Two of the sloop's men were washed overboard and drowned.

The Nassau *Guardian* of the 27th ult. says:

The schooner *Albatross*, of Kingston, Jamaica, Capt. VIRGINE, from Kingston, sailed on the 20th October for New-York, with pimento, coffee, rum, hides, copper and specie. She had also nine passengers, gentlemen and ladies. After a tempestuous passage, when within a hundred miles of the Highlands, she experienced a severe hurricane from W. N. W., lost all her sails, and the vessel was driven on her beam ends, in which state she lay four hours. The Captain, mate and crew finding it impossible to save themselves, were lashed to the rails, where they remained for three days, the passengers being fastened down below. The vessel was then got before the wind, when the weather moderated down to a heavy gale, which lasted seven days. The passengers all this time had no nourishment, but bread and water, which were passed down to them from the deck. Everything was washed from the deck, and the crew were placed on short allowance. The vessel was making from four to five feet water in the hold. All the crew worked at the pumps.

The fourth night the vessel was going down by the head. They then threw the cargo overboard at 1 o'clock A. M. The crew were worn out and forced the male passengers to work, in order to save life, the ladies being in the water all the time nearly famished. Killed the goat and fed on that. They were then within 100 miles of Bermuda. The gale abated. On the 9th day fell in with the British schooner *Port of Spain*, bound to Halifax. It was then blowing a heavy gale of wind from E. N. E. The crew of the schooner manned their boats to take the passengers off. The ladies had to be thrown in the boats; they were in their wet clothes for seven or eight days. One lady refused to leave the vessel, on account of illness, preferring to die rather than be removed. Relieved the ship by pumping. The next day, a British bark from Hull, bound to Charleston, fell in with the *Albatross*, and the Captain of her kindly offered to take off the lady passenger, but she still objecting, it was found necessary to remove her by force. She fainted on deck, and in this state was thrown into the bark's yawl, a heavy sea running at the time. The name of the lady is LOPEZ. She is a native of Philadelphia, very wealthy, and had been to Jamaica for her health.

The bark supplied the *Albatross* with provisions and water, and took charge of her letter-bag. They then repaired their sails, and tried ineffectually to reach Bermuda, on account of continuous gales. They then bore away for Charleston with a fair wind. When within a hundred and fifty miles of that city, the vessel encountered a severe gale from the westward, which struck her abaft, tore the sails, broke the bowsprit and fore-boom, and blew her so far out of her course, that, as a last resort, Capt. FIGUERS received upon coming to Nassau. She received assistance from a wrecking vessel, and arrived here on Sunday last.

The same captain was wrecked on those shores about four years ago in the brig *Eric*, when he was lashed to a spar for four days.

The Nassau *Guardian* of the 6th inst. says:

The American clipper ship *Elias*, of Yarmouth, is reported by Capt. SAWYER of the *Triton*, to have anchored on the north side of the Great Isaacs on Saturday last, the wind blowing violently from the northwest. The captain was obliged to cut away her masts and spars to prevent her from dragging ashore. Several wreckers offered their assistance, but were not allowed to go on board. After the gale abated, jury masts were rigged, and the *Elias* left for New-Orleans on Tuesday last, with a fair wind.

The Nassau Chamber of Commerce, on the 14th ult., forwarded to the salvors in the case of the American ship *Sunny Side*, Capt. ADAMS, wrecked at the Riding Rocks, 50 per cent. on the dry portion of the cargo, and 70 per cent. on the wet, and £30 to the wreck master.

A Concert by the Newsboys.

Exactly so, reader! A Concert to be given by the Newsboys at the Broadway Tabernacle on Wednesday evening. A rehearsal took place last evening at their lodging-house, at which the boys did their best, under guidance of Mr. VAN METER. The singing came hard at first, when the little fellows were required to do it in unison, but they improve in time and tune. Their Concert will be a novelty. Addresses are in the programme as well as music.

Paul Julien and the Poor.

Since the Charity Concert was given, young PAUL JULIEN, accompanied by his father and his agent, has personally superintended the distribution of the funds, by visits to the headquarters of the Relief Associations. The proceeds of the Concert were $462 50, to which $50 were added by PAUL; total amount, $512 50.

Religious Papers United.

The New-York *Recorder* and the *Baptist Register*, (the latter recently published at Utica,) have been united in this City under the title of the New-York *Recorder and Register*. The editorial corps of both papers are retained—Messrs. CUTTING and L. F. BEECHER of the *Recorder*, and Messrs. BENDER and TEN BROOK of the old *Register*. The form of the *Recorder* remains unchanged.

Lectures.

Hon. JOHN P. HALE lectured before a good house at the Tabernacle last evening, on Trial by Jury. Dr. MANAHAN discoursed of the Church at the Astor-place Hall. Mr. SCHERMERHORN read a paper before the Geographical and Historical Society on the Influence of Forests on the Progress of Civilization.

Robert Burns' Birth Day.

Yesterday was the anniversary of the birth of ROBERT BURNS. The event was celebrated with all the honor due to it, by the trusty Scots, who drank their "cups of kindness" at banqueting tables relocated in Brooklyn and on Staten Island. In this City, there was no public celebration of the day.

PROPOSED DIVISION OF ORANGE COUNTY.—A public meeting of citizens of Orange and Ulster Counties, in favor of the formation of a new County, is to be held at Newburg to-morrow, (Saturday,) at 2 o'clock P. M.

ONE WEEK LATER FROM EUROPE.

ARRIVAL OF THE PACIFIC.

THE CZAR ACCEPTS THE FOUR CONDITIONS.

HOSTILITIES CONTINUE.

THE PRINCIPALITIES AGAIN INVADED.

Capture of Eupatoria and Sebastopol by the Russians.

OPERATIONS BEFORE SEBASTOPOL.

ANOTHER SORTIE OF THE GARRISON.

THE RUSSIANS REPULSED.

SARDINIA JOINS THE ALLIANCE.

Loss of Ship George Canning.

Cotton Improved—Breadstuffs Down—Consols 91 7-8.

The U. S. Mail steamer *Pacific*, from Liverpool, afternoon of Saturday the 13th instant, with 62 passengers, arrived at this port yesterday at 9 A. M.

The *Pacific* arrived out 8½ o'clock P. M. of Tuesday the 9th. In running up the Mersey to her moorings in this part of the river called "the Sloyne,"—the night being exceedingly dark and thick,—the *Pacific* ran into the brig *Connaught*, Captain KEMP, outward bound for Calcutta, (with a cargo said to be valued at £30,000 sterling,) and at the time lying at anchor with her head up-stream. The *Pacific* struck her fair in the stern, and sank her immediately. No lives were lost, the twelve men who composed the *Connaught's* crew having got on board the steamer. Captain KEMP was on shore.

The ship *City of Montreal* from Portland, Me., arrived at Liverpool on Sunday the 7th. She had no papers on board, otherwise she would have brought six days' later American intelligence.

The New-York liner *George Canning* is supposed to have been lost somewhere near the Island of Heligoland, on the shore of which island papers and baggage and passengers have been cast, leaving little doubt of the calamity. There is no authentic account of the crew and passengers—48 crew and 126 passengers. A letter, indeed, says that all were lost. The cargo was insured in Hamburg for 250,000 marks banco, and for $100,000 in New-York.

The Eastern question has assumed into an entirely new phase. Prince GORTSCHAKOFF has announced to the Austrian Government that the Czar accepts not only the four points of guarantee, but also the interpretation given to them by the Three Powers—England, France and Austria. But, at the same time he agreed to, hostilities will continue during the progress of negotiations.

Sardinia has joined the Western Alliance. The conduct of Prussia and of the Germanic States is still equivocal.

This intelligence has much unsettled the public mind throughout Europe. In consequence effort was made to raise the quotation of Consols two per cent., but doubts are springing up fast. Why has the Czar accepted terms which he has apparently been declared ignominious and humiliating? Is the declaration wrong from him; and, if not, is the war then near its close? Or, is he at all sincere in his implied desire for peace? Is it not a desperate attempt to detach Austria from the alliance? Or, finally, is it an artifice to gain time to move those extraordinary masses of troops he has collected into the Crimea, and thus drive the allies into the sea?

Such are the questions everywhere asked, but without any satisfactory reply. It is, however, generally expressed that the difficulty on which the negotiations will split is the proposal to place the Russian naval power in the Black Sea on a level with that of other powers. The allies insist on this point as a proof of their success, while Russia will on no account assent to it.

KESTEVEN BROTHERS, London, have failed in the woolen trade, with liabilities £40,000 and assets 7s. per pound Sterling. ABBOTT NOTTINGHAM & Co., shawl merchants, London, have also failed, with large liabilities, but a favorable condition of assets.

Large amounts in the new French loan continue to be taken in England at a premium of two to three per cent.

Messrs. MELLOR, HETHERINGTON & Co. have failed.

There is an unauthenticated report that an American ship has been wrecked inside of Tuskar light.

With the improved hopes of Peace the Liverpool Cotton Market advanced, again fell off, and once more rallied, closing firmly at ¼d. advance on the current qualities of American. Sales of the week 64,270 bales, including 2,770 on speculation, and 5,160 for export.

BREADSTUFFS had been depressed, but closed more firmly, although the business was little more than retail. Western Canal FLOUR, 40s.@41s.; Baltimore and Philadelphia, 42s. 6d.@44s. 6d.; Ohio, 44s.@45s.; White WHEAT variously quoted, 11s. 6d.@12s. 6d.; Red, 10s. 6d.@11s. 6d.; Mixed INDIAN CORN, 42s.@42s. 6d.; Yellow, 43s. 6d.@44s.; White, 44s.@45s.

MONEY is unchanged. Bullion is again largely exported. Consols fluctuated considerably, and closed at 91¾@¾; they had reached 92⅛. American Securities showed little change.

The telegraphic correspondent of the London *Daily News* sends his journal the following most important dispatch:

BRESLAW, Tuesday, Jan. 9, 1855.

The Russians have crossed the Danube, invested the Dobrudscha, and taken both Tulcscha and Sulinagh. SARIM PACHA defeated Tulcscha on long as possible.

This is the first effect of the withdrawal of OMAR PACHA's army from the frontier to the Crimea.

The London *Times* announces that the Sardinian Government has signed the protocol of April last, and thereby joined the alliance of the Western Powers.

This important step is taken in virtue of the 5th article of the Convention between England and France, which was signed at London on the 10th of April, 1854, and runs as follows:

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Omar Pasha attacked on the 1st for Baklava with a view to certain movements with the Cossacks in rear of the allied armies. Omar has [illegible] effective means to bring a force of 50,000 men and 60 guns into the Crimea. Ten thousand men were shortly landed at Eupatoria, under the [illegible] of the English General Canrobert, [illegible] was accompanied by the French Colonel [illegible], the English Commissary General Simmons, and Rizzos Pasha. He would return in eight or [illegible].

The Representative for Prussia.

The Austrian Correspondence, the medium [illegible] chosen by the Government for communications with the public through the press, publishes a [illegible] article respecting the important [illegible] of the last four days.

[illegible] says the Russian Ambassador [illegible] Imperial Ministry of Foreign Affairs [illegible] that the instructions which he had [illegible] his Court had arrived, whereupon yesterday [illegible] were held between the Eng[illegible] and French Ambassadors together, with [illegible] and Prince Gortschakoff, at the Imperial Ministry of Foreign Affairs. From the mutual [illegible] there exchanged, it resulted that the representatives of the Four Powers were essentially agreed in their understanding of the sense and general bearing of the fundamental points; saving [illegible] of the Cabinets of Paris and London yet to be obtained, a basis gained upon which negotiations for the conclusion of the peace of Europe may begin.

The Correspondence adds: We greet this preliminary result with great satisfaction, and believe that the high Courts of France and England, and the [illegible] Powers, will similarly see in it a result fully [illegible] of serving as a basis for the negotiation of a [illegible] peace.

[illegible] and Brunswick have resolved to [illegible] united, and to identify themselves with [illegible] in the affairs of the East; the secondary [illegible] successively declaring themselves in the [illegible] sense.

[illegible] Stuart, an eminent contributor to the [illegible] Times, who is known to derive his information from authoritative Russian sources, states [illegible] proposed on the part of the Allies, which induced Prince Gortschakoff to ask for time to [illegible] his court, embraced the destruction of the Russian fortress of Jenikale, on the Danube, the conversion of a neutral fortress in lieu of it, to be guaranteed by the Five Powers, and the demolition of the forts and arsenal of Sebastopol.

Character of Peace—Paris View.

From the London Times' French Correspondent.

Paris, Thursday, Jan. 11—6 P. M.

The number of those who do not believe in the sincerity of the Emperor Nicholas, nor in the possibility of a speedy peace, has not diminished. [illegible] who do not desire peace, but there are many who think, perhaps erroneously, that it is still far from us. The Treaty of Alliance between France and England disavows all idea of any personal advantage or territorial aggrandisement, and [illegible] made desire to be to secure the peace of Europe for the future. If peace be possible on conditions that can be accepted frankly and loyally, we may be certain that the obstacle will not spring from the West, nor from the Powers who may defend the interests of Europe. But the question is whether the conditions now exist. Is it possible or possible that the Czar, so intractable [illegible] only a few days ago, is now prepared [illegible] the conditions formulated by the allied Powers? All the dispatches received here for some days past, and which [illegible] to regard as otherwise than correct, [illegible] in detail, answer in the affirmative. [illegible] Gortschakoff, even before the expiration of the delay that had been accorded to him by the Four Powers, has intimated to the representatives of France and England that his master adhered, in principle to the four guarantees, and to the propositions which they had received in the conferences of the 28th December, with the exception of some slight modifications; and he stands demanded [illegible] of negotiations to treat and settle all the details of the dispute. Thus, then, Russia most emphatically accepts, at least in principle, what she declared unacceptable and [illegible] only a few days previous. [illegible] the very idea of Count Nesselrode, who is known to be entirely incompatible with the dignity of the Czar, and opposed to the interest and views of his Government. This is passing strange; and it is this very strangeness that astonishes every one. With this astonishment is joined a mistrust, [illegible] but inconceivable, of the sincerity of Russia. People are in spite of themselves reminded [illegible] passed to the period of the passage of the Danube, note of Vienna. Then almost every one believed in the reestablishment of peace, and [illegible] in the firmness of the adhesion of the Russian Government to the propositions of the Vienna Conference [illegible] profound; and there was scarcely [illegible] who thought that the objections of Turkey would be declared frivolous and vexatious. It recalled the memorable circular of Count Nesselrode to enlighten Ministers and Statesmen on the true intentions of the Emperor Nicholas.

There was by no question that the acceptance, pure and simple, of the four guarantees would be not only a great moral check for Russia and a great moral victory for the Western Powers, but also a great material defeat to her policy. It would be [illegible] less than the annihilation of all her conquests, the ruin of all her projects of [illegible] and expansion in the East, and, as it were, the bulwark of the Empire and invasion of the Solovinski [illegible]. The whole of the Czar's manifestoes for more than a year, all the notes that have issued from the Ministry of Russia, have not once failed to avow and maintain that policy. There was the [illegible] on the subject of the propositions [illegible] of the Conference, of the determination of the Sublime Porte [illegible] with the Greek subjects of the Porte, and the refusal to cancel or even to revise the treaties between Turkey and Russia; and in the more recent manifestoes of all the Czar once more made appeals to his religious functions and devotedness [illegible] against the barbarians of the West; [illegible] it possible, after all this, that the same [illegible] Czar, who knows and signs the [illegible] Treaty was known, or ought to know, what the guarantees are. One, by transferring the protectorate of the Danubian Principalities from one [illegible] power to that of Europe in common, establishes between Russia and Turkey a barrier which [illegible] against all Europe. A second precludes the free navigation of the Euxine, and gives the commerce and [illegible] of Central Europe from the vassalage and [illegible] of the Czar. Perhaps the most serious of all [illegible] is that which relates to the revision of the Treaty of 1841. The abrogation of that instrument [illegible] the extension of the freedom of the Dardanelles. It will be remembered that in project [illegible] of the Russian Government Russia should be limited [illegible] the Black Sea. The principle of that limitation [illegible] in the protocol adopted in the conference [illegible] by the three allied Courts to Prince Gortschakoff on the 28th of December [illegible] Treaty of 1841 should be revised so as to cease to exist. Does not the work accomplished, the [illegible] influence of Russia in the Black Sea, [illegible] by Prince Gortschakoff that the words *force majeure* should be changed [illegible] The representatives of the allied Powers would not [illegible] Gortschakoff, nor would [illegible] It remains to be seen, whether the public [illegible] of the Emperor of Russia will [illegible] this great act of humiliation [illegible] Russia. It is her interest to continue her efforts to prevent Prussia from adhering to the alliance of the 2d of December, and to prevent the defensive treaty now existing between Austria and the maritime Powers from becoming an offensive one. But whatever be the schemes of Russia, or whatever her reliance or success, the Russia struggle which is now going on in the Crimea will not be discontinued for a day. Russia will not have time to accumulate on that point great forces and new elements of resistance. Great military operations and pacific negotiations will now not for the first time be carried on contiguously. In such a case as the present, successes in the field of battle are the most powerful and most decisive arguments that can be employed in the deliberations of Plenipotentiaries.

View from the Seat of Conference.

From the London Times' Austrian Correspondent.

Vienna, Monday, Jan. 8, 1855.

In a letter written some three or four days ago it was stated that persons well informed of what was passing in the diplomatic world had expressed their fears that a peace would eventually be concluded without due previous being made for the diminution of the power and influence of Russia in the Black Sea. Unfortunately there is but too much reason to believe that those apprehensions are not quite unfounded, for Prince Gortschakoff by order of his Government yesterday unreservedly accepted the propositions of the Allied Powers as the basis of future negotiations, which would hardly have been the case if the representatives of England and France had on the 28th insisted on the reduction of the Russian fleet in the Euxine, and the conversion of Sebastopol into a commercial instead of a war port. As a natural consequence of what occurred yesterday regular conferences will again be held, in which Russia, and perhaps Prussia, will be represented. As the last-mentioned Power has not thought fit to accede to the Treaty of Dec. 2, the Allied Powers may be inclined to object to her sharing in the negotiations for peace, but Prince Gortschakoff will certainly endeavor to manage matters in such a way that the representative of Russia's trusty friend shall have seat and voice at the Conferences. As you will observe, the concession made by Russia inspires me with no great confidence, but many persons who must be perfectly well informed of everything that passes behind the scenes, attach the very highest importance to the announcement yesterday made to Prince Gortschakoff. The Russian diplomatist has not only accepted the conditions, but also the interpretation which has been given to them by the allies, and it is positively known that, though article 3 gives great latitude to the allies, it gives none whatever to Russia. According to authentic information, the principle that it is necessary to diminish the power of Russia in the Black Sea is fully maintained by the protocol of the 28th of December, but it will materially, or rather entirely, depend on contingencies how the object in view is to be effected. When it first became known that a conference had been held, it was related that there would be an immediate suspension of hostilities, but it is satisfactory to be able to state that such is not the case. It is universally acknowledged that no complete solution of the Eastern difficulty is to be expected until Sebastopol has fallen, for the military reputation both of England and France would be sadly tarnished should their armies retire from the Crimea without effecting their purpose. Every man of any heart and head must naturally consider a prolongation of the war a great evil, but, after so much has been done, it would be madness should the Western Powers quit the field until they have obtained full security for the future.

During the last two or three days Prince Gortschakoff has had long conferences with Count Arnim and Baron Manteuffel; and this confirms me in the supposition that it has been arranged that Prussia shall make advances to the Powers in order that she may be permitted to share in the negotiations for peace. How would it be if the allies should obstinately refuse to recognize the claims of Prussia until she has given her adhesion to the Treaty of December? When Prince Gortschakoff had an audience of the Emperor on the 1st or 2d of this month, His Majesty is said to have observed that he hoped when Prince Gortschakoff again applied for an audience it would be to inform him that Russia had unconditionally accepted the four conditions.

Positive information has this afternoon been given me that Omar Pasha left Varna on the 4th for Eupatoria.

It is credibly related that Prince Gortschakoff, on Saturday evening, in the name of his Government, solemnly promised Colonel Manteuffel that Russia would not, under any circumstances, attack Austria in the Principalities, or within her own dominions.

Views of the London Press.

From the Morning Chronicle, Ministerial Organ, Jan. 9.

The intelligence received by telegraph from Vienna during the course of yesterday, will have shown that, even in the very crisis of the military campaign, diplomacy is still as active and influential as ever. With more promptness than had been anticipated by the Envoys, and not, as heretofore, exhausting to its last hour the interval accorded for the announcement, the Emperor Nicholas has transmitted definite instructions to his representative at Vienna, respecting the contingencies presented to him by the Conference held in that capital on the 28th ult. These instructions empower Prince Gortschakoff to continue negotiations for peace, upon the basis of the "four points," though in full cognizance of the "identical interpretation" now assigned to them by the Ministers of England, France, and Austria.

Though far from amounting to an actual acceptance of the proposed guarantees—which it was at first hastily interpreted to imply—there is much importance and some promise in this act of the Russian Emperor. It throws into strong relief the magnitude of the interest which he attaches to every movement of his nearest Western neighbor. Austria had hardly set her seal to the final instrument whereby she identified herself thoroughly with the cause of the Allies, when Russia, for the first time, recognizes, at all events, the possibility of accepting the terms which had heretofore been rejected with disdain. How amply has the result justified the statesmanship of the English Ministers, who have persisted, despite of taunts and misrepresentations, in a course of policy which ended in cementing with firmness and solidity the alliance with Austria! The nation, impatient or misled, had well nigh began to consider every less fervent friend as an actual enemy, and reckoned as time sacrificed to timidity and treachery delays accorded in deference to the interests of an ally who had so much heavier a stake depending upon the issue, if once committed to active participation in the strife. The Cabinet, nevertheless, calmly persevered in their course. Through a storm of obloquy, which every artifice of malignity was unscrupulously employed to augment, they precisely foresaw the time when the importance of the object for which they labored and waited would be at length appreciated, and with it the wisdom of their own conduct. After tarrying for the fullness of time and the maturity of events, they may reap their reward. Many will learn, we hope with remorse, that the value set by the British Administration upon the Austrian alliance is participated, by the common enemy, when they see that the first symptom of concession on his part has followed so closely the conjunction of the Western Powers with their new ally.

The subtlest note of Russian diplomacy is also symptomatic of other matters from which we may derive encouragement. The Emperor Nicholas doubtless knows much better than we can do the actual state of Sebastopol, and the ability of its garrison to protract their defence. He may even know that the fortress has fallen, or is on the point of falling whenever the besiegers are in a condition to assume an effective attack. He knows also the straits and impoverishment of his own Empire—the difficulty of raising recruits, or their worthlessness when raised—the yet greater difficulties in raising money, amongst the profound discontent engendered by a war which has drained the manhood of the war, and the work of intrigue and conspiracy for a year being assiduously pursued within the recesses of his own palace. These are suggestions which may well have struck alarm into his mind, however vexatious in its ambition, however reliant upon the destiny which is said to have assigned the conquest of Constantinople as the "mission of the Czar."

Russian secrets are well kept. Footsteps even in stages of peace are allowed to leave little of the most minute history that follows. It is not then can only conjecture what is passing in the interior of the state in which was near upon the commencement of the year 1854 the Russian Minister could say with perfect accuracy

THE WEEK'S LATER FROM CALIFORNIA

VIA THE ISTHMUS OF SAN JUAN DEL SUR.

A Million and a Quarter in Specie.

MINING PROSPECTS BRILLIANT.

KING KAMEHAMEHA IN FEAR OF FILIBUSTERS.

Letter from South America, Mexico, the Sandwich Islands, &c.

Stocks and Specie Markets Overstocked.

The steamship *George Law*, Lt. JAMES P. MCKINNEY, U. S. N., commanding, arrived at this port at early hour yesterday morning. She left Aspinwall at 6 o'clock P. M., on the 15th inst., and passed Key Biscayne early on the morning of the 16th. Left Havana at 1 P. M., same day, and arrived at Quarantine at 7½ o'clock yesterday morning. The Purser furnishes us with abundant and early intelligence.

She brings the California mails of Jan. 1, $1,250,000 in treasure on freight, and 208 passengers.

In the list of passengers will be noticed the names of Col. INGE, of San Francisco; Major DONALDSON and Captain AYRES, of the Army, and Captain J. H. HAGERTON, late of the ship *Monsoon*, of Nantucket, destroyed by fire in the harbor of Payta, on the 13th of November last.

The following is her Specie List:

Dunn, Sumner & Co.	$378,000
[illegible]	100,000
[illegible]	100,000
Dunn & Co., Philadelphia	60,000
[illegible]	60,000
Thos. Wharton & Sons, Philadelphia	60,000
Wm. Paton & Co.	44,000
Order	25,000
[illegible]	20,771
[illegible]	14,522
[illegible]	7,844
Wm. Paton & Co.	3,313
[illegible]	2,527
Dunn, Adams & Co.	24,500
Total	$1,252,565

FROM CARTHAGENA AND BOGOTA.

From the Aspinwall Courier.

We learn *that one hundred and ninety of the prisoners* taken by the Government forces in the rebellion, have been condemned as convict soldiers—and will be brought to the Isthmus upon a sailing vessel, under guard of some of the troops that left here on May last. The vessel will probably arrive here within a few days.

We also learn, that at the battle of Bogata, Mazo was compelled by his officers to surrender, with 800 men—that he declined to make any full declaration before the Tribunal, but said he would do so in his operation, which was soon to take place.

Sentence is to be banished. Meantime, he has been exposed to go publicly to the sittings of the Tribunal under a strong guard.

FROM THE SOUTH PACIFIC.

By the steamer *Lima*, which arrived at Panama on the 4th inst., we have advices from Valparaiso and Lima.

Preparations for the quiet and peaceful conduct of the elections were being made throughout Chile. From recently published statistics of the commercial business of Chile, it is ascertained that for the first quarter of 1854, the foreign importations amounted to $6,205,620, which sum, compared with those of the second quarter of 1853, shows a decrease of $2,107. For the said first quarter of 1854, the exportations are estimated to have amounted to $6,220,650.

Mr. CAMPBELL, the engineer, was to leave Valparaiso within a short time for the Argentine Provinces, to make the preliminary surveys, &c., of a line of railroad from Cordova to Rosario in Parana.

From Peru, we learn that CASTILLA was gathering together his strength at Cienaquilla, some twenty miles from Lima—his forces and those of ECHENIQUE were nearly equal numerically—but the popular feeling is constantly increasing in favor of the former.

The only item of interest from Ecuador, is a contradiction (by *El Progreso*,) of Guayaquill) of the report that the United States had purchased the Galapagos Islands. That paper states that "The Government of the United States proposes through its Minister in the capital, the loan of $3,000,000 at the rate of five per cent. per annum, on the condition that a reduction of $1 be made on the price of every ton of guano brought by citizens of the United States from Ecuador. The loan shall be paid, discounting $1 on every ton of guano."

The Government submitted the proposition to Congress, who sequestered thereto, and as yet they have not drawn a single draft, it not being necessary in advance of said amount.

This statement is far less credible than the one contradicted by *El Progreso*.

The accounts from the Argentine Provinces are of nothing but attempts at revolution and difficulty between Buenos Ayres and the Confederation.

The Argentine Legislature commenced its session Oct. 23, at Parana. URQUIZA read his inaugural.

In the province of Rioja, an ex-Governor by name Guerro, headed a revolution against the recently elected Governor, but he was entirely defeated and put to flight. In San Luis another similar difficulty occurred.

Under the auspices of the Government of the Confederation Gen. CEORA invaded Buenos Ayres, Nov. 4, and was severely repulsed by Gen. HOPPE, who has been since made General-in-Chief of all the forces of the province of Buenos Ayres. Every preparation necessary for carrying on a contest with the Confederation, has been made.

The invasion of Buenos Ayres, and its untowardness, had sickened the Cabinet of the Confederation, and the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of War had both resigned.

Respecting the difficulty between United States Consul HORTON and the Government of Paraguay, we learn from the *Chronicle* of Buenos Ayres, of Nov. 4, that Mr. H. had embarked in the *Water Witch*, for Corrientes.

CALIFORNIA.

The news from California and the Sandwichs is quite interesting.

The Capital Fixed.

The long-agitated question of the location of the Capital of California has been at last settled by the Supreme Court, and Sacramento is declared to be the legal as well as the political Capital.

Legislature.

The fifth Legislature of the State was to have assembled, on the 2d inst., at Sacramento. The leading question to come before the body was the election of a Senator to succeed Dr. GWIN. Until this is settled, there will be but little else done. The prominent candidates are GWIN and BRODERICK.

A Wagon Route.

In consistence with the recommendation of a Committee at San Francisco, the Mayor of Marysville had called a meeting of the citizens, "to cooperate in an effort which is now being made to construct a passable wagon and stage road to the frontier of Missouri."

Mining News.

The Sierra Citizen says that a specimen of quartz, filled with gold, was taken out by the Blue Shed Tunnel Company, weighing one hundred and twelve ounces.

The claim of Messrs. BROWN, MACOMBER, OTIS & Co., in Caldwell's Ranch, (Shaw's Flat,) continues to pay as usual—they having taken out from twelve to eighteen ounces each day this week—the result of about two hours' daily washing. The principal source regarding this claim, is the fact of their having "struck" a large crevice in one of their side drifts where the ledge falls off nearly perpendicularly—they having sunk some two feet into the ground when a crow-bar was thrust down the crevice length and no bottom was found. Several pans full of the top gravel were washed, and they prospected from four to five dollars to the pan. The general impression is that this so-called crevice will yet prove to be the main lead.

The hose-power now going on on Messrs MULLIGAN & Co.'s claim, on the same lead, is nearly completed, and will be in operation in a day or two, when they hope to take up a new pile also. The accompanying Above, on the same lead, are still working out earth, and are taking out gold in addition to their piles of dirt during the week past.

Many shafts have been sunk in the ranch, and others are still sinking, yet nothing has been struck below Messrs. MULLIGAN & Co.'s claim, although many have come upon the lead rock in their shafts.

Rocks, gravel and earth have been taken to five or six feet in depth from a single pannfull of dirt taken from the drift, in the main ditch. Even while passing this, large lumps of earth, from one of which he obtained six ounces and the other four.

The excitement which the above diggings have created throughout this section continues without much abatement—large numbers of miners, citizens, bankers, and even ladies daily visiting the premises.

Aside from the above items, this neighborhood and its vicinity, in a mining sense, is completely dead, and fears are entertained by the miners that we are having a repetition of the Winter and Spring of '50 and '51.

The Scott River correspondent of the Trinity *Times*, says: "Times here are very lively on account of the long continued fine weather. All hands are still at work in the bed of the stream, which is turned at this point for nearly a half a mile. There has been but one river claim abandoned here as yet, and this has been sold, and will probably be worked again in a few days, and the yield of gold is about in proportion to the men working as during the Summer. There have been extensive discoveries made in the hills and banks of the river, and many claims opened, all of which pay well, and will continue to do so all Winter; and in the Spring when the frightened ones return with the warm weather, there will be great times for people that want to work and make their piles, as many have done here this season. There is continually being made extensive discoveries of placer diggings to the north of Scott River, on the waters of the Klamath. The present rage is for Burkhound, McKinney and several other creeks. There is an extensive range of country in this vicinity to be explored that will undoubtedly prove very rich."

The Sonora *Democrat* says, that a Company has been, or in about being organized, to carry a large ditch, should it prove upon survey practicable, into the diggings at and adjacent to Keeler's Ferry, on the Stanislaus River. As these diggings are said to be rich, and as the river would here afford a constant and abundant supply of water throughout the year, the operation must prove a good one.

Large quantities of goods are going forward to the Kern River mines, which indicate not only that the miners there are doing well, but also that Los Angeles is the best point to lay in their supplies. The San Fernando hill *is now passable for heavily loaded teams*; the roads are good the whole distance, (about 150 miles.)

According to the Jackson *Sentinel*, Dr. JOHN B. TRASK, *State Geologist*, *has recently been in that* neighborhood collecting statistics for his forthcoming report to the Legislature. Dr. TRASK is of the opinion that Amador County stands first in quartz operations, and that her capital invested in quartz mills and their products is surpassed by that similarly employed by no other county in the State, and equaled only by Nevada. It is also his opinion that quartz mining must ultimately prove the most permanent and important branch of industry in the county. The Doctor purposes publishing at an early day a register of the State, and especially of the mining sections of it, which will contain the names of the mining camps, population, distance from the principal towns, facilities of access, geological features of the country, &c.

The *Mountain Democrat*, printed in the heart of the mineral region, in its last issue says the canals have in a great measure failed for the last three or four weeks, and unless there was rain shortly, dull times may be expected. Not because the mines have given out, not because they will no longer pay good wages, but because the absence of water renders it almost impossible, without excessive labor and ruinous expense, to make living wages.

Heavy Failure.

The large fancy goods dépôt of Mr. J. C. DUNCAN, well-known throughout all California for its Art Union enterprises, was closed last evening by attachment. The debts for which the attachments have been levied are heavy, but the stock of goods in store and to arrive, we understand, is very valuable, and will fully cover the liabilities of the concern.

The Importation of Cattle.

The immigration for the year from the Atlantic States is over. The last train crossed the Sierra Nevada on the 8th of October. A very incorrect record of the number of the people arriving has been kept. But as numerous traders felt an anxiety in regard to the stock that entered the State, tolerably complete lists of the cattle that have crossed the mountains have been obtained. Already we have published the numbers that came through Noble's and Beckwith's passes, and by the Gila route. They are as follows:

Through Noble's pass	24,000
Through Beckwith's pass	10,000
Through the Gila route	9,000

To these we are now justified in adding seventeen thousand, making a total importation during the year of sixteen thousand beef cattle, oxen and cows.—*State Journal.*

Defalcation.

The people of the neighboring town of Oakland have been in a state of excitement on account of the defalcation of Mr. HOGAN, their City Marshal and Tax Collector, and the supposed connivance or participation of the Mayor in the transaction. They have held public meetings, passed stringent resolutions, and offered a reward of $2,000 for the apprehension of the defaulter, who has left the State. He is in default of some $15,000.

Telegraph.

A line of telegraph wires is being stretched between Sonora and Stockton, *via* Columbia. The former and latter places are already in telegraph communication.

Stampede Among the State Prisoners—About Thirty Prisoners Escaped.

The captain of the sloop *Marin* brought information to the city yesterday that a large number of prisoners had made their escape in a schooner of about eight tons burthen. His sloop had been anchored off the island during the night, and they had commenced to get underweigh about 6½ o'clock in the morning, when the sound of cannon firing attracted his attention, and he observed a schooner leaving the vicinity of the State Prison. The schooner, propelled by oars, also had her sails set, and was progressing rapidly. Immediately afterwards, he observed a launch and a scow in hot pursuit, but thinks there was not the slightest probability of their overtaking the former.

The following is Gen. EZPELL's statement of the origin of the outbreak: About 6 o'clock on Wednesday morning, as the State prisoners, quarrying stone at Mare Island, were proceeding to their work in a body, some sixty of them made a rush for a small schooner lying at the wharf, and succeeded in taking possession of her. In the struggle between the prisoners and the guards, about twenty-one managed to get on board and shove off. They pulled her exactly behind another vessel sailing in the harbor, and by keeping her in that position, prevented the gunners from firing—as the people on the other vessel, attracted by curiosity, came on deck in such a way that the guard would be compelled to risk killing them if they fired. After drifting and pulling about four hundred yards, the tide placed them in range, when the first cannon was fired, missing the vessel some two feet. The cannon was then loaded with grape, and at the second discharge several shots passed through the ranks of prisoners, doing some execution. It is said some were thrown overboard—*supposed, of course to be* killed. The third shot missed, and the guard placed the other prisoners in their cells, and prepared to follow the fugitives in a whale-boat, kept *for that purpose*. Eleven started in pursuit, and succeeded in cutting the fugitives off from Point San Pablo, just above Red Rock, and forced them to land on the first point above, on the Contra Costa side. The guards landed some ten minutes after, when a running fight ensued for several miles. A few of the prisoners were killed, and several badly wounded. The guard continued to follow them all night, and were still in hot pursuit yesterday. Capt. EZPELL, of the guard, states that the prisoners, in attempting to escape, seized on Capt. PULLAM, First Assistant Captain of the Guard, and took him into the vessel with them, in order to prevent the guard from firing. This did not, however, have the desired effect; for the guard—some of whom are the best marksmen in the State—selected their men, and made terrible havoc. Capt. PULLAM was shot through the head and arm before he would ask the guard to cease their fire, when his request was complied with. He was taken to Contra Costa with them, and left, where he still remains, severely wounded.

After the convicts landed in Contra Costa, they were vigorously attacked by the guard, who continued to fire upon them without mercy. To avoid the united fire of the guard, they separated, and a portion of them proceeded northwards to Point Pinole, about twelve miles from Martinez, while another portion fled southwards, toward Oakland. The Sheriff of Contra Costa has started with a large force of armed citizens in pursuit of the desperadoes near Martinez. The Sheriff and citizens of Alameda have also been engaged in the search for the fugitives who came across the coast. The wretches deserve no quarter, and should receive none. Before daylight yesterday morning, twelve of the convicts, on Mare Island, all well armed with knives, guns, &c., drove to the beach about four miles north of Oakland, and hastily disembarked, proceeded to take possession of a small trading schooner lying at a temporary landing place near by. No one was on board the schooner except the master, who was suddenly awakened, and before he could escape heard the meaning of the disturbance, hurried on shore. The whole gang then went to work and threw overboard the freight of the schooner, consisting of about four tons of wheat, belonging to Dr. CHAMBLIN. Having accomplished which, they let go her fastenings and stood up the Bay in the direction of San Jose. Several of the fugitives, the Captain says, appeared to be severely wounded.

A Chilean, who reached Oakland about daybreak, states that he encountered the convicts a few miles from the beach, and that they compelled him, under pain of death, to conduct them to the spot where they took the schooner. Many of the fugitives have obtained arms by plundering the ranches in their flight, and will probably make a desperate resistance. Officers have been dispatched to the neighborhood of Alviso to intercept those in the schooner. Should they land on either side of the Bay, they will find the citizens at all points aroused and prepared to give them a warm reception.

Lynch Law at Iowa Hill.

We learn from an "Extra," published by the Auburn *Whig*, that WILLIAM JOHNSON, commonly known as "Long JOHNSON," who stabbed MONTGOMERY at Iowa Hill on the morning of the 22d inst., was yesterday hung by a mob a short distance out of town, where the original difficulty occurred.

We are not informed of the cause of the quarrel, and only that it occurred on the morning after the Fireman's Ball; that JOHNSON knocked MONTGOMERY down; that the latter subsequently procured a pistol, which, upon the two again meeting, he fired at the former. The pistol hung fire, and JOHNSON avoided the shot by dodging, and immediately drawing a knife, he stabbed and cut MONTGOMERY in a terrible manner, in several places.

It seems that after the affray, resulting in the mortally wounding of MONTGOMERY, JOHNSON fled, but was pursued, overtaken, and placed in the hands of Deputy Sheriff SINCLAIR, in whose custody he remained until about 10 o'clock in the evening. *At this time a large crowd of people had assembled*, and a call was made for a jury, whereupon thirty-two men were selected by vote, and out of this number twelve persons were chosen to try the prisoner. The Jury thus empannelled retired to the Green City Hall, where they remained until about sunset yesterday morning, when they brought in a verdict of "Guilty." Upon rendition of the verdict, the crowd proceeded to choose officers for the occasion, and about noon the prisoner was taken a short distance from town to a convenient tree—having been informed of the fate that awaited him—whereupon a rope was produced, and also a couple of kegs, one placed on the top of the other, for the prisoner to stand upon; and after the rope was adjusted to his neck, an opportunity was given for whatever remarks he might desire to make.

Our informant was too far distant to distinctly hear all that was said, but states that at this time JOHNSON called for writing materials, but his hands being confined, a gentlemen present noted for him the remarks which he made for the purpose. The prisoner then stated that some person present owed him $20, which he wished paid to some one to whom he (prisoner) was indebted. He also wished a ring to be taken from his finger, and sent to his mother and sister, but his hand was found to be so much swollen from being bound, as to render it impossible to remove it. Several remarks were made by JOHNSON to different persons present about this time, which our informant was unable to hear. The prisoner then requested that the rope should be properly fixed, and that he be permitted to climb to the limb of the tree and jump off. This being denied him, he asked permission to give the word himself, which was granted, whereupon he was placed upon the kegs, and the rope being tightened, he distinctly counted one, two, three, and jumped, thus partially becoming his own executioner.

During the whole of the proceedings he appeared perfectly cool, and entirely indifferent to his fate. There were about two thousand people present, but no rowdyism or drunkenness was manifested during the entire day.

This JOHNSON once before, in 1851, we think, came near meeting the same fate at Colons, but by reason of his extraction, was released, upon condition that he should leave the place immediately, which he did.

According to our latest information, MONTGOMERY was still alive, but no hopes were entertained of his recovery, the knife with which he was stabbed having penetrated the lungs. We understand that he was a clerk of the last Legislature of this State.

Three Miners Attacked by Robbers.

From the Sacramento Statesman, Extra.

PLACERVILLE, Dec. 23—2 P. M.

The *Mountain Democrat*, Extra, says: We received the following startling intelligence last night after our paper had been worked off. Rocky Cañon, the place of the tragedy, is a deep and almost inaccessible cañon, about forty miles north of this place, near Todd's Valley, and uninhabited.

ROCKY CANON, Wednesday, Dec. 20, 1854.

No officer having been within a convenient distance to attend a case of emergency that has just happened near our isolated camp here, the undersigned constituted themselves a Coroner's Jury, and held an inquest over the deceased bodies of twelve men that were killed within a mile of our camp on the 19th inst., a full account of which we deem it our duty to publish. Three of the undersigned were eye-witnesses of the whole scene, though too far off to give aid in any way. On Saturday, 19th instant, these men, who afterwards proved to be a Mr. JAS. C. MCDONALD, of Alabama, now deceased; Dr. BELVAR A. SPARKS, of Mississippi, and Capt. JONATHAN R. DAVIS, of South Carolina, were traveling on foot on a trail within a mile of our camp, to prospect a vein of gold-bearing quartz, some twenty or thirty miles north of this place. As they were passing the base of a mountain, three of the undersigned, being out on a hunting expedition on its side, saw a party of men who were concealed in the bushes near the trail spring up and commence firing at them. Mr. MCDONALD fell dead. He was shot before he was even aware of his danger. He and his party had nothing but their revolvers. THOMAS SPARKS shot twice at the banditti, and then fell severely wounded. In the meantime Capt. DAVIS, who was the first to commence shooting in defence of himself and party, in an instant after the first volley of the robbers, being still under, kept up an incessant fire upon them with his revolver, every ball forcing its victim to bite the dust until all the leads of both parties seemed to have been discharged. The surviving robbers made a charge upon Capt. DAVIS with bowie-knives, and one with a short sword or sabre. Captain DAVIS stood his ground firmly until they rushed up abreast of him within about four steps. He then made a spring upon them with a large bowie-knife, and gave three of them wounds that proved fatal. Having wounded the other one very slightly, and disarmed him by throwing his knife in the air in warding off a blow, as this last man expressed to a tone of gratitude before his death, Capt. D. went to work at once tearing up his own shirt and binding up all the wounds of the living, of both his friends and enemies. On an examination of the pockets of the deceased of those that commenced the attack on Capt. D. and party, we discovered papers, carefully concealed in their pockets, purporting to be a copy of laws and by-laws by which they were governed.

The last of this band has just died. His wound, he thought, himself, but slight, and seemed in a fair way of recovery until within the last hour, but corroborated all the evidence proven by the papers in his pocket.

Signed by W. C. THOMPSON, and 15 others.

Another letter dated,

ROCKY CANON, Dec. 20, 1854.

To William Henderson, Esq., Placerville:

Quite an exciting scene happened yesterday within a mile of our tent. While two of my partners and myself were hunting over the hills, we heard the report of guns below us, and saw two small parties shooting at each other. Being satisfied that they were all strangers, we hesitated for a moment before we ventured to go down. A feeling of duty, however, prompted us to hasten down to them. On approaching we saw two persons fall in the fight—these persons were of a little party of three whom we had observed about half an hour previous quietly following the trail)—and the remaining one of the party, (a man somewhat above the medium height, whom we could readily distinguish by his white hat from all the men,) fighting bravely for his life. Approaching still nearer, we were surprised at the sight of eleven men lying stretched on the ground, seven of them dead, (belonging, as they afterwards proved, to a party of robbers,) and only one of the party of three so suddenly fired upon from the bushes by robbers. Three of the wounded robbers having died last night, we had ten of them to bury. One survivor, who will probably recover, he is, however, marked for life, having lost his nose, in toto, and the fore-finger of his right hand. The surviving one, who seems to be but little hurt, says that their band was composed of two Americans, five Sydney men, and four Mexicans, and had just commenced operations, having killed six Chinamen three days ago, and three Americans on the day before yesterday. Although we counted twenty-eight bullet holes through Capt. Davis' hat and clothes (seventeen through his hat and eleven through his coat and shirt,) he received but two very slight flesh wounds.

Yours truly, JOHN WEBSTER.

To WM. HENDERSON, Esq., County Surveyor, Placerville.

Marine Disasters on the Pacific Coast in 1854.

Capt. HOPE, the agent of the New-York Underwriters, makes the following statement to report:

SAN FRANCISCO, Sunday, Dec. 31, 1854.

Edward Walter, Esq., Secretary of Board of Underwriters, New-York:

SIR: I respectfully submit to the Board of Underwriters of New-York, my annual report of the marine disasters that have occurred (within my knowledge) during the past year on this coast, and other items that may be of interest.

The number of marine disasters, as will be seen by the following list, is 56.

Estimated value of vessels, cargoes and freight, is $3,276,000.

Estimate for repairs, salvage and total losses, $1,318,000.

Number of Certificates issued at this Agency by me for damaged goods, for two years, 1,500.

During the past year several steamboats have connected to vessels entering and leaving this port. The loss of the *San Francisco* and *Golden Fleece*, together with the narrow escape of several outward bound ships, has induced the masters of large vessels to take steam.

There are at present two small tugs of sufficient power to tow small ships, or large ones, if they have the tide with them. Always tugs propeller, of seven hundred horse-power, fitted expressly for towing and assisting vessels in distress, with every thing on board—cables, anchors, boats, and a fire-engine—can be procured.

I have no hesitation in saying that the navigation on this Coast is better than any other part of the world; during the past year there has been but one gale, and then it did not blow so hard but that a ship could work off shore. We are exempt from typhoons, hurricanes, pamperos and sudden squalls. There has been but one vessel struck by lightning for seven years; and I have seen but one flash during my residence here. Further north, however, the weather is different.

The subject of ship's damaging cargo by sweat has given me much anxiety, and the merchants of this city have lost large sums from this cause, as it is the custom here to pay freight before delivery of goods, they get no reclamation from the ship. It is my opinion that the ventilators leading to the lower hold do not answer the purpose. The covering board and bit ventilators are very well to keep the ship cool in fine weather. The main trouble is the heated air rises between decks, and when the vessel is off Cape Horn, or in cool latitudes, is condensed on the lower side of the deck and runs back on the cargo. I have seldom found "sweat," at the extreme ends of the ship, or under the deck-houses or poop. The remedy in my opinion is this: To have their large ventilators between the fore and mizzen masts, leading only to the between decks, and one forward and aft to the lower hold. These would keep the ship cool at all times. I have my doubts if "sweat" can be prevented altogether; but if this was done, it would satisfy the merchants that the owners had done all in their power to protect the cargo. That it is possible for a ship to bring her cargo in good order, is illustrated by the ship *Thomas Watson*, now discharging. She has brought five cargoes to this port from Philadelphia, and not a package has been damaged by "sweat," bad stowage, or salt water.

The amount of Treasure shipped to New-York and New-Orleans, in 1853, was ... $48,305,889 00

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The arrivals from New-York in 1853 ... 189—in 1854 ... 81

The arrivals from Boston in 1853 ... 104—in 1854 ... 54

Total number of arrivals in 1853 ... 293—in 1854 ... 187

Showing a falling off from New-York of ... 108

Showing a falling off altogether of ... 245

I account for this decrease of arrivals by business generally being entirely overdone in the year 1853.

List of Marine Disasters on the Pacific Coast during the year 1854.

From the San Francisco Herald.

JANUARY.

Ship *Arab*, in entering the harbor was in a dangerous position near Mile Rock; was relieved by the steam tug *Resolute*.

Steamship *Golden Gate*, INMAN, from Panama to this port, broke a shaft at sea, put in to San Diego with one wheel; in coming out of that place, ran aground; was got off, and towed to this port.

Schooner *San Diego*, dismasted, bound to Oregon.

Brig *Walcott*, lost two anchors in Trinidad Bay.

Bark *Messenger* and brig *Vesta* came in collision off the Heads.

Brig *J. B. Brown*, struck by lightning, carrying away spars and rigging.

Bark *Walter Claxton*, ashore at Mendocino. Got off again.

Schr. *Assess*, total loss in Bellingham Bay, Oregon.

FEBRUARY.

Ship *San Francisco*, STETSON, of and from New-York, in entering the Harbor was totally lost by the carelessness of the pilot. Value of ship, freight, and cargo, $50,000.

Schooner *Tennessee*, from Richmond, Va., lost spars, sails, &c.

Schooner *Invincible* was totally lost in Noyou River.

Schooner *Ewest*, total loss near Point Reyes.

Brig *William* was lost on the passage to Puget Sound.

Schooner *Sacramento*, totally lost on Fort Point in leaving port.

Schooner *Sarah Lavenia*, never been heard from, supposed lost.

Schooner *L. P. Foster*, dismasted near Puget Sound.

Brig *Wellingsley*, from Puget Sound, lost her spars, sails, &c.

APRIL.

Ship *Golden Fleece*, of Boston, in leaving port in charge of a pilot was totally lost on Fort Point.

Ship *Bald Eagle*, was obliged to anchor near North Head; lost anchor and 45 fathoms of chain.

Steamer *Sea Bird*, from San Diego, broke machinery, came to anchor near Point Conception, and was towed to this port by United States steamer *Active*, Captain ALDEN.

Brig *Eliza Taylor*, total loss on Point Pinos.

Bark *Walter Claxton*, lost near Mendocino.

Schooner *Bay State*, lost on the coast.

MAY.

Steamer *Ariaga*, struck near Fort Rose—total loss.

JUNE.

Schooner *S. D. Bailey*, carried away spars, sails and rigging.

Schooner *Gazelle*, lost sails, bulwarks, &c.

AUGUST.

Brig *Tarquinia* ashore at Puget Sound.

SEPTEMBER.

Brig *Oriental*, ashore near Port Orford, lost anchors and chains.

British bark *Amelia Thompson*, was lost near St. Simeon's Bay, and nearly all the cargo.

Schooner *Iowa*, lost anchors and chains at Pajaro Bay.

Steamship *Yankee Blade*, lost by running on a rock in a thick fog near Point Conception. She soon broke up, and a number of passengers were drowned. There was $153,000 in specie on board, of which $70,000 has been recovered from 70 feet water. Salvage awarded 60 per cent.

DECEMBER.

Ship *Contest*, shipped a sea which stove bulwarks, broke stanchions, etc., and swept away house and contents.

French ship *Paragon*, from Bordeaux; bark *Frances Palmer*, and bark *Equator*, from Manilla; all have experienced very heavy weather, and were obliged to jettison cargo.

There have been several disasters to steamers on the river, but the value of property was not large.

Gold Exports during the Year.

From the San Francisco Herald.

The following table gives the amount of Gold manifested, as exported during 1854:

	Total.	Destination U. S.
January	$3,255,594 05	$2,992,225 60
February	3,127,306 69	1,913,735 19
March	4,403,184 95	2,002,045 95
April	3,502,032 30	3,277,906 83
May	5,902,653 45	5,506,561 68
June	4,921,765 26	3,984,530 19
July	3,956,778 90	2,767,662 25
August	5,919,353 02	5,445,289 23
September	2,963,447 65	2,592,627 94
October	4,506,509 67	3,945,237 40
November	4,607,268 39	4,407,761 62
December	3,649,021 48	1,766,447 05
Total	$49,619,721 65	$43,500,301 30

It will be observed that the shipments of Gold, taken by the steamers leaving on the 1st of the month, are credited to the preceding month, because always manifested at the Custom-House on the day before the departure of the steamer. Hence it is that the shipment for December appears so small; for, according to the arrangement of the table, the treasure which will be taken by the steamer of Jan. 1, 1855, would, if known, properly belong to the month of December, 1854. To obviate this difficulty, and show the actual export during the year, we restore the shipment by the steamers that left Jan 1, 1854, not included in the above, amounting to $1,886,311, which, added to the total exhibited above, will raise the grand total of exports of Gold during the year to $51,506,132, and to the Atlantic States to $45,476,612 20. *The total exports of Gold for the year* 1853, were $54,906,956, or $3,400,824 more than those of the present year. The following comparison of our shipments during the past four years, will be found valuable as well as interesting:

Gold exported in 1851	$34,492,000
Gold exported in 1852	45,779,000
Gold exported in 1853	54,906,956
Gold exported in 1854	51,506,132
Total	$186,684,088

Quicksilver Exports.

The total shipments of quicksilver during the year 1853 were 18,800 flasks, or 1,410,000 pounds, valued at $663,199. It will be observed that the shipments are pretty nearly the same from year to year, although the New Almaden Mine is capable of yielding unlimited supplies of the metal. Sufficient only is produced to supply the demand, and not enough to overstock the market. The mine is far more valuable than all the rest of the quicksilver mines put together.

Commerce of San Francisco.

The total arrivals from New-York during the year 1854 were 81 vessels, with a tonnage of 83,037; while they amounted during the year 1853 to 189 vessels—tonnage 156,936—showing a falling off (in 1854) of 108 vessels, and 73,309 tons.

Of the 81 vessels which arrived from New-York in 1854, 75 were ships, 3 barks, 2 steamers, and 1 schooner.

During the year 1854, the total arrivals from foreign ports, were 187, tonnage 83,037; in 1853, 293 vessels, tonnage 156,936, showing a falling off of 106 vessels, but an actual increase of 73,309 tons. Of the 187 vessels arrived in 1854, 139 were ships, 3 barks, 2 brigs, and 43 schooners.

Of the 54 vessels that arrived from Boston in 1854, 49 were ships, 4 brigs, and 1 schooner.

Total falling off from New-York and Boston in 1854, as compared with 1853, 156 vessels and 90,128 tons.

During the year 1854, the number of vessels arrived from all quarters was 617, with an aggregate tonnage of 407,485, while the total number arrived in 1853 was 582 vessels, tonnage 412,979—showing a decrease this year of 265 vessels, but only 5,494 tons, which does not exceed the tonnage of three first-class clippers. The inference is, that the vessels which arrived in 1854 were generally of much larger burden than those arrived in previous years.

Of the 617 vessels arrived in 1854, 261, with a tonnage of 215,622, were American vessels from American ports; last year, (1853,) 349 American vessels, tonnage 260,110, from American ports, showing a falling off of 88 vessels and 44,488 tons.

In 1854, there were 356 arrivals from foreign ports, tonnage 191,863; in 1853, 213 vessels, tonnage 153,866, showing a falling off of 157 vessels, but an actual increase of 37,794 tons. Of the 261 vessels which arrived coastwise in 1854, 158 were ships, 37 steamers, 22 barks, 28 brigs and 36 schooners.

Death Sentences.

The Los Angeles *Star* says: WM. B. LEE was sentenced last Saturday by Judge HAYNES to be hung on the 12th of February next. We are informed that appeals have been taken in the cases of LEE, BROWN and ALVITES, all under sentence of death, to the Supreme Court at its regular term next month.

Miscellaneous.

A Lodge of the Sons of Temperance is about to be established at Union City, on the Bay.

AN INDIAN FIGHT.—On Sunday last, says the *Times*, quite a battle came off between the Humboldt and the Mountain Indians, two of the latter being killed and several wounded. The fight took place between this and Union.

The *Times* urges the Superintendant of Indian Affairs to pay some attention to the poor creatures in that section of the State. Of them, it says: "They have no head, and are all scattered in small bands, warring against each other, suffering for food, imposed upon and maltreated by white men. If immediate attention to the wants and necessities of any people was ever necessary, it is to these. Their daily question is, when will the 'big wags' *come and take us under his charge.*"

The *Times* says lumber can be obtained at the mills on Humboldt Bay for $13 to $18 per thousand.

DIVISION OF THE STATE.—The *Californian* says: "Our citizens have at last taken hold of the question of a division of the State in earnest. Petitions to the Legislature for this object are being circulated throughout the lower counties, and are comprising the names of nearly every responsible person in our section, furnishing a sure index of the strong and unequivocal feeling in favor of this measure indulged by our people."

CRESCENT CITY AND YREKA TURNPIKE ROAD.—The *Herald* says, that in all probability three wagon roads will be simultaneously constructed and perhaps as early as next Spring, from the south or Shasta City, from the north or Scottsburg, and from the coast or Crescent City—all aiming to reach and pass through Jacksonville and Yreka, to claim the trade and intercourse of those regions. It will be seen that the capital stock is fixed at $85,000, divided into 850 shares of $100 each, on which an assessment of 10 per cent. will be called in after the stock is all subscribed for, and the company ready to commence work. $15,000 worth of the stock has been taken already.

THE MILITARY ROAD.—We learn from the *Times*, that Lieut. WITHERS has recently returned from the survey of the military road in Southern Oregon. Some of the settlers were dissatisfied, and petitioned Judge DREWY for an injunction to stay work upon the road, but he properly declined for want of jurisdiction. The contracts have been let in $1,000 contracts—seventeen in number.

MARBLE.—Mr. LUCE exhibited to the editors of the *State Journal*, a specimen of superior marble, taken from a quarry recently discovered near the headwaters of the Cosumnes, thirteen miles from Fiddletown. It is susceptible to a high degree of polish.

STOCKTON ASYLUM.—There are at present 125 patients confined in the State Insane Asylum at Stockton, 20 of whom are females.

LOWER CALIFORNIA.

Threatened Revolution in Lower California.

The *Southern Californian* gives the following sketch of the late movements of Señor CHABES, that the public may judge, not only of the gentleman's aims, but also of his peculiar fitness and capability of enacting the *role* of a mighty conqueror:

ANTONIO CHABES, the revolutionary leader was a Lieutenant in the Mexican army—who, like NEGRETE, abandoned his post in Lower California while the filibusters were plundering the people, from the 1st December, 1853, to May, 1854, leaving MELENDREZ with a few other citizens of Lower California to defend themselves against the filibusters and Indians, until the former had left or were driven out; he then sneaked from San Diego to Santa Tomas, pretending great friendship until he had seduced some few ignorant men to join him for the purpose, no doubt, of assassinating MELENDREZ, and assuming the command himself. The attempt was made at midnight to seize MELENDREZ while asleep at his house and alone, at Santa Tomas, about the 1st of July last. MELENDREZ being aroused from his slumber, arose, took his two revolvers, opened the door, fired two shots at random, when his assailants galloped off. He then went to the Grays, about three miles, found a horse, mounted him bareback, and rode to Guadalupe, about eighteen leagues distant. In a few days he raised some men and returned to the Grays, when some of the citizens of Santa Tomas, learning that MELENDREZ had arrived at the Grays, seized CHABES, with one or two of his adherents, advising MELENDREZ of the same, when MELENDREZ proceeded to Santa Tomas, ordered him to be put at liberty, and with disdain told him, while he remained quiet he would not molest him, which CHABES promised to do.

After remaining a short time, CHABES retired to San Diego, and from thence to this place, where he has been some two months, endeavoring by false representations to seduce a number of Sonorians to go with him to Lower California to work the gold placers, which he has represented to be very rich—which, however, is entirely false. But his real object is to seize MELENDREZ and assassinate him—shewing, at the same time, a forged *order*, purporting to be from the Comandante of Mazatlan, appointing him as Comandante and Sub-Gefe Politico of the frontier of Lower California. Now it is well known that the Comandante of Mazatlan has no more to do with Lower California, in appointments of civil and military officers, than President WALKER had last year, there being a Comandante-General of Lower California, resident at La Paz, and who has lately given MELENDREZ the appointment as military commander of the frontier of Lower California. MELENDREZ is well advised of all the movements of CHABES, and should he attempt a filibustering expedition from this State against him, he will give him a WALKER reception.

THE SANDWICH ISLANDS.

From the Hawaiian Islands, we have Honolulu papers of the 9th December. The news is of little importance.

Shipping Movements.

The United States sloop-of-war *Portsmouth* was to leave the harbor of Honolulu, in a few days after the 2d of December, for "home." The sloop-of-war *Decatur* was daily expected to arrive from Callao, to supply the place of the *Portsmouth* in the Hawaiian waters.

Anniversary.

The 28th of November, the eleventh anniversary of the Joint Declaration of Great Britain and France of the King's sovereignty, was observed as a holiday in Honolulu. All the consular flags on shore were displayed during the day, while the Hawa

New-York Daily Times.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 1855.

[illegible] A. B. Forman, Esqrs., Pa., to open for the [illegible] on this place. Single copies, 6c by the [illegible] can be had by applying to him.

Congressional.

Mr. Cooper addressed the Senate yesterday in support of his Foreign Convict and Pauper resolutions. He mentioned the several recent transportations to this country by several of the Governments of Europe, and held that it was both our right and our duty to prevent a continuance of such a practice. Like views of the subject were expressed by other Senators.

In the House, the French Spoliation bill was further considered, but without taking a vote the House adjourned.

The Latest News from Europe.

The steamer *Pacific*, Capt. NYE, brings a budget of diplomatic news from Vienna, together with the comments in the political circles of that Capital and of Paris and London, which has the look of an accommodation between the belligerent Powers. The Czar, whose Ambassador at Vienna was granted until the 14th of January to answer categorically to the four propositions of the Allies, immediately communicated his acceptance of those terms, and the interpretation of the Allies, as the basis of a negotiation for peace. Prince GORTSCHAKOFF communicated this reply to the representatives of the three Powers on the 9th, when a conference, which is said to have progressed satisfactorily, was immediately held.

The force or importance of this proceeding appears to be somewhat impaired by the frequent references of the French and English Press to the past want of good faith on the side of the Czar. Otherwise, all the attendant circumstances, including the rumored distress at St. Petersburg from the effects of the war,—to which the Emperor has not been wilfully blind,—strengthen the hope that the result will prove auspicious. The news created a sudden and important rise in the Funds at Paris and London; an improved tone to the Liverpool Cotton market, and much dullness to the Grain trade. The first effect on the Stock Exchange was not fully sustained by the subsequent discussion of the advices, although the extracts which we publish this morning on the chances of peace, are, in the main, of an encouraging tone. The English Ministerial journal, the *Morning Chronicle*, among other reasons for the Czar's real anxiety to end the conflict, makes pointed reference to the domestic troubles and distress in the Russian Capital.

There is, it seems, to be no armistice, and with the accounts of the initiative of peace at Vienna, we have advices of a fresh invasion of the Turkish principalities, and another *sortie* upon the Allies before Sebastopol. The latter was repulsed by the English forces, though not without considerable loss of life on their side. The attack was made under cover of a dark night, and the Russian loss was not ascertained. Preparations were making to storm the works of the fortress, and both the English and French telegraphic advices are more encouraging in regard to the arrival of fresh subsidies and the better appointment of the Allied army. Our private advices from London are to the effect that a disaster to either party in the Crimea might spell, for a time, the fair fabric of diplomacy at Vienna, though it will be seen from one of our letters published below, that our well-informed correspondent anticipates no such contingency.

Sardinia has given in her adhesion to the Western Powers, with one of which, indeed, the spirit of her Government—a Constitutional Monarchy—strongly sympathizes.

The attitude of Prussia continues as equivocal as ever. It is rumored, that after refusing to be a party to the Vienna note of the 2d December, the King is now anxious to have his Ambassador admitted to the conferences with Russia.

The political news is otherwise unimportant. The usual rumors of a change of English Ministry are repeated, though without making any impression in political circles in London. Lord ELGIN was received with popular demonstrations, at Liverpool, on his arrival from Canada. We give place to the speculations of our special London correspondent:

LONDON, Friday, Jan. 12, 1855.

"England is on the point of concluding a peace," said "*there are strong reasons to believe that she was just laid upon upon a new Congress in Vienna.*" So I wrote on Dec. 8, and have maintained this view substantially, and under well advised explanations and restrictions, in all my subsequent letters, down to the very last—dispatched a week ago—in which, as the readers of the TIMES will have already seen, I warned you to give no credence to the Ministerial declarations of incredulity in what the Cabinets knew to be at hand—an amicable settlement of the difficulties.

I take no credit for prophecy in the matter, but I am very glad not to have misled the judgment of your readers by affecting to believe in the sincerity of those warlike puzzles, suspicious from their very noisy nature and suddenly created energy. GORTSCHAKOFF has, by the order of the Czar, unconditionally accepted the interpretation of the four propositions, and their negotiations are in full blossom. It is said, moreover, that Prussia has adhered to the December treaty, and that Piedmont has joined the alliance. The last seems to be authentic, the first I discredit, though it may be Russia's aim to have Prussia's whole influence, whatever it may cost her, in the deliberations at Vienna. It is perfectly certain now that all agree to make peace, in whatever way Prussia may elect to join the Conference. The only curious part in these conferences is, that the Turkish Ambassador has not been invited at all to take part in them. It was a "gentlemanly" attention toward the Muscovite Envoy, who might have felt hurt by the presence of the sick man's representative. Diplomacy is full of such delicate proceedings. The negotiations were, however, concluded—as I the 6th—that the Dukes had refused some further certain Vienna prescriptions, in respect to which, he was not consulted, and that he might leave you as little embarrassing, in a similar case, now, in spite of the "powerful protection" which "saved him" the trouble of keeping up an efficient army. The Turkish Ambassador in Vienna has, therefore, in consequence of this concession, been asked to be present, *for the future*, at all such conferences as he may [illegible] on the 14th. He will greatly have the good taste not to presume to be any thing more than the Grand Bonzet of the Conference Hall. Hostilities will at all events not be suspended—so the Governmental organs say, and they expect to be believed on the "word of a gentleman."

Now, Sir, I am far from asserting that there are not a great many difficulties yet in the way of peace, and still less would I assert that to stop hostilities before Sebastopol is not the greatest of those difficulties; however, you may be sure that an armistice will soon be concluded. They have one now, by the grace of mud and tempest, and they will have another by "the Christian solicitude (these people are terribly Christian!) to spare a useless shedding of blood, in the face, in all probability, of a speedy and honorable peace." You will hear this argument again very soon. It is now but a mere breeze, like *Bastile's* calumny—*calomnie s'en va-t-en*—but it will be puffed up to a storm to check the "dogs of war."

If the next fortnight should not bring us any news of the fall of Sebastopol, it will no more be attempted to take it, you may depend upon it. You will hear, very soon, of *peace* meetings all over England. CORDEN and BRIGHT are to become the men of the day, and the Cabinet is not the last to feel charmed for their having kept up a, however small, spirit of abhorrence to any war, and especially one against that worthy man, NICHOLAS. And it must not be thought that NAPOLEON, though he actually sends his fresh guards to plant the—already so often planted—eagles of the Empire on the walls of Sebastopol, is, by any means, less satisfied to conclude peace. He is a *practical* man, and the new loan will do better for him to spend in some other way than war, which cannot bring him any *personal* glory. His pet idea is, moreover, just now, to open his exhibition, and people pretend that he counts upon seeing in the Crystal Palace, on the *Champs Elysées*, the great produce of the alliance, "the coffin of the Prophet," with the "*dead* man" within, and the Emperor of all the Russias as a guard of honor of the *catafalque*.

There are many rumors about changes in the Cabinet. I dismiss them all, because they contain nothing well founded. ABERDEEN stands like Atlas, with the hopes of all monarchs on his shoulders. He will stand his ground, and Parliament will admire his policy.

News by the George Law.

The *George Law* posts us up well in Pacific matters. At the Isthmus, details of the storm, and the early completion of the Railroad, furnish most of the topics of discussion. Order is reestablished in Bogota. From Acapulco we have tidings, "on the best authority," that ALVAREZ has hemmed in SANTA ANNA in a mountain pass, and that the President's immediate destruction is at hand. Also, that a Louisiana Colonel, with 600 American riflemen, was within four days' march of ALVAREZ,—all which, we take it, sufficiently proves a vigorous imagination on the part of our correspondent's informant.

The Guayaquil *Progreso* contradicts the story of our purchase of the Galapagos, but spins a yarn about a loan from our Government to the Government of Ecuador, on certain guano-connected considerations, which we presume are all—dubious. They have not heard in Guayaquil of Mr. PIERCE's conversion from his fillibustering ways. Such tales were easier of belief a month ago.

California contributes a varied budget for our columns,—made up of "rare" murders, a "rich" lynching case; a "capital" stampede of prisoners, valuable statistics of gold and quicksilver exports, the commerce of San Francisco, a list of marine disasters during the year, and mining news that will wake up the avaricious.

Lower California is threatened again with a Revolution,—but those who know the leader think that he is altogether too small a means to frighten MELENDREZ, or to make any impression upon the scattered people of the peninsula.

From Peru, Chili, Buenos Ayres and Paraguay are items of later intelligence but they are not of consequence.

At the Sandwich Islands, royalty is still shaking in his shoes for fear of fillibusters from California, and has issued his proclamation on the subject. Prince LIHOLIHO, whose absence was the excuse for the delay of the Annexation Treaty, has returned to Honolulu, but not a word is said of the Treaty. The *Polynesian* congratulates the island people on their happy state,—the Government owing not a dollar to any country or people. That is the same condition which is supposed to be true of "the lime-kiln man."

Webster and Kossuth.

A gentleman, writes our London correspondent, had, some days ago, an interview with M. KOSSUTH, who gave him some interesting details concerning his relations with Mr. WEBSTER while in this country. It affords us pleasure to be able, on proper authority, to communicate the substance of this interview.

The conversation having turned on the absence of any American Foreign policy in the affairs of Europe, and its consequences to the settlement of important and world-affecting complications, M. KOSSUTH remarked that he will always remember Mr. WEBSTER as not only the most hearty and polite, but the most enlightened friend he met with among the statesmen of America. He understood European affairs, and could appreciate the importance of suggestions in regard to what he (M. KOSSUTH) believed a more consistent policy in the United States. "I shall never cease," he added, "to remember him with sincere regret for his loss, inspired by his friendship and liberal views."

On his early meeting with Mr. WEBSTER, in 1852, M. KOSSUTH propounded, among other matters, two important propositions: one of advice, to the effect that some harbor should be acquired by the United States in the Mediterranean; the other a request that a representative of the powerless nationality of Hungary should be received at the seat of Government. Every other nation, said he to Mr. WEBSTER, however unimportant, has a port of its own in the Orient, while you, with your wide-spread commerce, have none. You cannot fail to see that, sooner or later, the fate of Europe is to be decided in the East, and around that apple of discord, Constantinople. They truth is self-suggestive. As in great Commercial Commonwealth, drawn closer and closer, every day, to Europe, you have a life estate in the ultimate settlement of these complications. Will you not have a few rods of land—one single landing place, under the protection of the Stars and Stripes which you can call your own? A quarrel with any petty power, like Algiers or Austria, would else subject you to great inconvenience, and your merchantmen and cruisers be compelled to seek the protection of some neutral harbor, until a sufficient force could be brought to chastise the offender. "I have positive knowledge," he added, "that the Turkish Goverment would not be disinclined to cede on lease—for the Turks don't sell their lands—some island suited to this object. I might almost point out the Mytilenes. The Porte would be glad to have you near at hand as a political counterpoise to his friends and protectors." Reasoning in this strain, he said to the Senators of State, "Why not try it?" Even as a mere commercial enterprise, a closer and more intimate connection, say a line of mail steamers, between Constantinople and New-York, would be desirable.

Mr. WEBSTER listened attentively to the suggestion; acknowledged its importance, and on the instant replied, "We must have it; I will inquire." The difficulty, he continued, is that we must have a harbor with good fresh water at hand. Mytilene has no such advantage. But never cease to keep in view the importance of such a point—to give us a firm footing in Europe. There is, however, a still greater difficulty to our obtaining it. It consists in this, that our flag once planted, the spot would become Republican. We carry our institutions within ourselves. We could not *lease* an Island from Turk or Tartar with any conditional reserve in favor of his political institutions. The plan of necessity, would become part of our own Union. I have looked on the map and made inquiry of our Consuls for an island, however barren, uninhabited, "without any human soul on it." This is what we want. We would people it, and turn it into a garden, and something more, very soon. Cattero was spoken of in this connection. M. KOSSUTH gave it as his opinion that this place, of mere negative importance, from geographical position, to the Sultan, could be had, though the Sultan could not alienate it to any European power, and least of all to Austria.

Soon after this, on his return to Washington from his Southern tour, M. KOSSUTH had another meeting with Mr. WEBSTER, and asked him whether the Government at Washington would pay certain *égards* to an agent of his, should he accredit one at the capital. "I don't ask," said M. KOSSUTH, "for any official or officious recognition; I am above such silliness. All that I ask is, that it shall be known that such a gentleman is my agent, and being thus known, should meet with such distinction as you pay to the representatives of any Power you are at peace with." There is yet wanted, he continued, in this world, for that numerous class of shallow-minded, but nevertheless, influential people who always look at the mere surface of things, or form their opinions of men from the notice taken of them by persons in power:—"If his Excellency so and so, visits you and invites you to dinner, you are a great man, and the cause you represent is just, and sure to prevail." These people, he repeated, have no brains, but form a constituent part of public opinion here, as well as in Europe. M. KOSSUTH then urged upon Mr. WEBSTER the difference in degree of real friendship for this Republican country between the absolute Governments of Europe and the dismembered nationalities. This difference authorized a manifestation of sympathy on the part of the United States for the latter, such as he requested in the recognition of his agent.

Mr. WEBSTER answered promptly and emphatically in the affirmative. Not only so, he answered by letter, and sometime after by another letter to the same effect, both of which are now in the possession of M. KOSSUTH. His agent would be received with all the sympathy, respect and esteem which the American people and Government feel for Hungary and the man who represents her cause. He would be received with every distinction paid to other ministers, and with more sincerity in it than the distinction paid to the Austrian envoy. Mr. WEBSTER added that M. KOSSUTH's communications would always be received in a corresponding spirit of friendliness, and should be answered in writing.

When M. KOSSUTH saw Mr. WEBSTER for the last time, there was a marked change visible in his general spirits, though not towards himself, for that was ever the same, but in respect to political affairs. He evidently felt discouraged. "My time is gone," he said, on M. KOSSUTH's attempting to revive the question of Foreign policy; "others will come after me to direct our policy. I am no longer of use to your cause. The Democratic party will carry the Presidential election, and then, God knows the rest." This was only a few weeks prior to the great statesman's death. His day of usefulness had indeed found its last period.

The New Maine Law.

We publish on another page of this morning's TIMES the new Temperance bill, drawn by NEAL DOW, and now before a Special Committee of the Legislature of the State of Maine. It inflicts—for the first offence of selling liquor, fifty dollars and costs, and four months imprisonment; the second, fifty dollars and six months; the third, one hundred dollars and one year. Persons intoxicated must disclose where they got their liquor, or go to the House of Correction. Express, railroad and steamboat agents will be liable to fine and imprisonment for conveying liquors to or from those not licensed, and no action is to lie against any officer for seizing and destroying liquors, where the warrant issues from a competent court.

Bishop Potter in Canada.

Our newly elected Bishop PORTER has recently made a semi-official visitation to Montreal:—and we presume our readers recollect the account we copied from the Montreal *Transcript* of certain remarks which he made at a meeting of the Clergy of the Church of England. One would suppose that the natural tendency of whatever discussion or remarks might take place on such an occasion would be towards those great religious interests which combine the sympathies and the efforts of Christian Churches everywhere. It is very rarely, however, that an American, making a speech in presence of English dignitaries, secular or clerical, can realize that the occasion is not one for a general proclamation of unqualified admiration for everything English. Bishop POTTER, in presence of the "Lord Bishop of Montreal," did not quite escape the contagion. He said a great deal that was very hearty, and very proper, by way of expressing gratitude for the Lord Bishop's aid in his own consecration,—and in general admiration of the hospitality, brotherly love and religious zeal of the Canadian Clergy, and then, with more questionable propriety, he went on to profess "his sympathy, his *deep* sympathy" with Her Gracious Majesty the Queen of England, "in the noble efforts she was making at the present time to *subdue a barbarous power* who had attempted to crush a feeble nation and overwhelm Europe," and then venturing still farther into the same doubtful region, he proceeded to say:

"Much had been said about American feeling and American sentiment in regard to the war. But he would tell his Lordship, that, if the people of Canada wished to understand the *public sentiment of the country, they must not search for it in the newspapers.* [Loud cheers.] They must go to the educated men, *to the Clergy of the Church*, to those who studied SHAKESPEARE, and MILTON, and HOOKER, and they would find that they were *heart and soul with England* in the struggle, and daily offered up their prayers for her success." [Cheers.]

Now that the Bishop has returned to his own Diocese, we should like to know whether he really believes that the public sentiment of this country on a question of politics, is represented more accurately by *the Clergy of the Episcopal Church*, than it is by the newspapers of the country; and whether the clergy of that particular Church enjoy a special monopoly of such representation, over the clergy of all the other Churches and religious denominations in the land. We find it difficult to believe that an intelligent gentleman like Bishop POTTER, could have made a statement so absurdly at variance with the fact, and so unbecoming an American in a foreign country. We know it is quite common for ambitious American orators, who happen to have strayed beyond the limits of their own country, to say very ridiculous things for the special purpose of exciting the effervescent admiration of their new auditors; but Bishop POTTER has had too much experience, and has too much good sense, to be exposed to any such suspicion. We think it not unlikely that the *Transcript* may have given a stronger coloring to his remarks on this point than they were intended to have.

The Wool Correspondence.

The following communication was handed in several days since, but has been accidentally overlooked until the present time:

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

From the note of Col. MANSFIELD, in yesterday's TIMES, it appears that that gentleman feels aggrieved at the reference made to him in the communication of Saturday, relative to the correspondence between General WOOL and the Secretary of War.

Nothing was further from the intention of the writer than to cast the slightest imputation upon the conduct or character of Col. MANSFIELD. The remarks alluded to were meant to apply exclusively to the *intention* of the War Department, in assigning him to this specific duty under the circumstances of the case as now disclosed by the official correspondence, and the use designed to be made by the Department of his official report—neither of which, in all probability, could have been known to him, and for neither of which could he be held responsible. It was not intimated, nor intended to be, that Col. MANSFIELD, any more than General WOOL himself, in carrying out the instructions of the Department—as he was bound to do—had acted beyond the ordinary and honorable line of official duty.

The language to which exception is taken by Col. MANSFIELD, was a mere inference in regard to the action of one of the Departments of the Civil Government—always a legitimate subject of criticism—and was drawn solely from the facts as officially disclosed. Whether such inference is just or unjust, so far as the Department is concerned, is to be determined like every other matter of argument, by reference to the facts on which it is based.

Such, in the opinion of the writer, is the fair import of the language itself in the communication referred to; at least, such was its intention.

"AMICUS."

Amusements.

BURTON'S THEATRE.—A slight but well-written comedy in three acts, called "Our Set," was performed here last night for the second time. It is from the pen of MORRIS BARNETT, Esq., the author of the popular piece called, "A Serious Family," &c.

There is but an incident in this piece, and it cannot very easily be magnified into a plot. The title expresses it. "Our Set, or the Vacant Consulship." "Our set" is influenced by a female wire-puller, *Mrs. Weaver*, (Mrs. HUGHES) and at her dictation, "our set" proposes two opposite candidates for a vacant Consulship, elaborately extolling the excellencies of either, as occasion requires. The author intends, undoubtedly, to expose the contemptible meanness and servility of political cliques and sets. How cheerfully they elevate the numskull, if he belong to them, rather than the man of independent thought and action. Perhaps also to demonstrate that the patronage of a set is necessary for achieving any kind of political success.

The scenes of the play run smoothly and quickly. The dialogue, although too artificial and stagey, is frequently good; never bad. Mr. BARNETT has the advantage of an experienced pen, and his points are neat if not always brilliant. Considering the opportunity for satire, the author has been sparing in the use of that weapon. The denouement of the play is a mistake: "Our Set," the object of ridicule throughout, is triumphant. "Our Set" is the play, shows you that humbug and wire-pulling are accessories of political life, and "Our Set," as a play, does not suggest any better or more honest substitute for those time-honored institutions.

The principal characters were sustained with sufficient ability, Mr. BURTON as *Dr. Langue* was excellent. Mr. JORDAN, in a slight and unfinished part, also good. Mr. DE WALDEN as Augustus Spondhill, Esquire, seemed to imagine that so long as he kept something shaking—his hand, hands, feet or legs—it was all right. In every other important respect, we are disposed to think he was all wrong. Mrs. HUGHES as the Honorable *Mrs. Weaver* indulged in the usual eccentricities of her line, and was good; also Miss RAYMOND.

The comedy is one of those pieces that is agreeable enough while being performed, but of insufficient interest to leave an impression after the fall of the curtain. For this reason, probably, the applause was slight.

BROADWAY THEATRE.—This appears to be the only establishment in the City that is not more or less affected by the hard times. The audiences here are inspiriting—full, appreciative and enthusiastic.

"Cinderella" is now in its second week, and the height of its attractiveness. Repetition is needed in spectacle pieces of this character; it is only after several performances that the transformations and scenic effects can be expected to work thoroughly. The musical portion is, of course, improved by every additional performance. As now performed at the Broadway, "Cinderella" is certainly one of the best produced and best rendered spectacle operas ever given to a New-York audience. No one should miss an opportunity of seeing it ere it is withdrawn.

Musical Items.

PAUL JULIEN announces a Concert, Saturday next, at Niblo's—the last prior to his tour in the South. Mdlle MARTINI, D'ORNY, ADELINA PATTI, AUGUST GOCKEL and M. SABATIER assist.

Messrs. W. HALL & SON have just published two of the most useful things that can find a place on the piano. We refer to the "Twenty-four Scales and Preludes," by W. VINCENT WALLACE, and the "Tremolo Schottisch" by the same. The practice of the Scales cannot be too much commended, and the graceful preludes which WALLACE has added to them are equally worthy of study. The "Tremolo" is of course intended for perfecting the touch in repetition passages. When a student can fluently play these Scales and Preludes, and this Schottisch, he is in a fair way of becoming a good performer. They should be found on every piano, and practiced too.

NOTHING LIKE POPULARITY.—The well known "*Marsch Saeck*," from MEYERBEER's Opera of "The Prophet," has been arranged in Germany as a duette for flute and guitar.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.—The number of musical instruments manufactured in Saxony is truly enormous. Two small villages (Neukirchen and Klingenthal,) alone send off yearly about 10,000 dozen of violins at 30,000 thalers; 2,000 dozen at 6,000 thalers; 500 dozen at 4,000 thalers; 100 dozen at 2,000 thalers; 10 dozen at 500 thalers; altogether 12,610 dozen violins at 44,500 thalers. They also export 2,642 dozen of guitars at 32,800 thalers; 600 double basses at 4,000 thalers; 3,000 violoncellos at 8,000 thalers, and strings to the amount of 60,000 thalers. The greater part are sent out of Germany; but where in all the world 21,700 guitars, manufactured annually, go to, we are at a loss to find out.

LOUIS LACOMBE, in Paris, is at present composing a Grand Opera, to be produced during the World's Fair in Paris. The title of it is "Le Progrès des Siècles." Rumor says that this peculiar work (which the composer himself calls an "Epopée lyrique," consisting more of isolated tableaux than the usual acts of an opera) contains certain grand effects, which are sure to make a great impression.

A Madame SAINVILLE, vocalist, who a short time ago gave a concert in London, promised to all those who would take reserved seats, a lithograph of herself, which she was to present in *propria personæ* to every one at the end of the concert.

DEAD HEADS.—At the Grand Opera in Paris they used to issue, until within a short time, the enormous number of 1,700 free tickets, whilst the house holds only 2,100 persons. The new administration, not exactly liking this state of things, appointed a Committee to investigate the matter.

A NEW METRONOME.—A Mr. BRANDNOEHR, in Ellwangen, has invented a new Metronome, which is more simple and much cheaper than that of MALZEL.

MUSICAL INFORMATION ALL THE WAY FROM GERMANY.—The *Neue Zeitschrift für Musik*, published in Leipsic, announced to its readers some time ago, that VINCENT WALLACE, the composer of "Maritana," "The Bohemian Girl," &c., had returned from New-York to London, to superintend the production of two new operas. We always thought RALFE was the composer of the "Bohemian Girl," and are rather startled by the above exact information.

LVOFF, the Russian composer, has finished a new operetta, called: "The Russian Peasant and the French Marauders." It has met with great success.

POOR SHAKESPEARE!—Some daring Italian composer, by the name of ZARABINI, has ventured upon setting "Hamlet" to music. The opera was produced at the San Benedetto theatre in Venice.

ANOTHER BELLINI.—ALEXANDRE BELLINI, a nephew of the celebrated composer, is now in Paris writing an opera. The libretto is by ALEXANDRE DUMAS.

A sister of ANNA ZERR has lately made her *début* in opera at Freiburg. ANNA ZERR has bought a handsome property in her native place, Baden-Baden.

JOHN BARNETT's opera, "The Mountain Sylph," is about to be produced in Germany. The translation and adaptation for the German stage is by CHARLES GOLDNICK.

At the Theatre Alfieri, in Florence, they have produced a new opera, "Rolere," by CONSERVINO. What kind of composition [illegible] can judge by reading the criticisms of Italian papers. The Gazetta Musicale di Napoli calls the work, [illegible] music for trombone and [illegible] arrangement of orchestra and a few [illegible]

ALBONI received 2,000 francs for every performance during her engagement in Lisbon.

A FILLIBUSTER.

Seizure of a Steamer—Muskets and Ammunition Found on Board—Prompt Action of the United States Marshal.

During the past week United States District Attorney MCKEON received intelligence, through the Spanish Consul, that a marauding expedition was fitting out against the Isle of Cuba, and that the vessel engaged was ready to sail from this port.

The necessary affidavits were made before Mr. HILLYER, the United States Marshal, who promptly acted in the matter by dispatching Deputy Marshals DEANGELIS and HORTON, with the official documents, to seize the steamer *Massachusetts* and bring her back to the wharf. The officers went to the Barge office and procured the assistance of *six* revenue officers to carry out the Marshal's mandate. Meanwhile, Mr. DEANGELIS chartered the team-tugs *Union* and *Active*, and the whole force proceeded across the upper Bay and seized the *Massachusetts* while at anchor in the Jersey waters. The Deputy Marshals were met on the deck by a Sandy Hook pilot, who had been engaged to conduct the vessel to sea, and was only waiting for the Commander to come on board; he having gone ashore in Jersey City on some business, with a promise to return within an hour.

There were twenty able-bodied seamen on board the steamer, who, with a large number of others, had been shipped by the Captain for a cruise of six months. Some of these men appear to have suspected that the steamer was chartered for a purpose which is in violation of the Neutrality laws, and immediately deserted the craft. The remainder of the crew were kept in the dark, and the first they knew of the attempted expedition was the arrival of the authorities to execute their legal process.

The *Massachusetts* had been repaired since she left the Boston and Worcester line to such an extent that she was considered perfectly safe for the voyage.

The operators in this transaction managed to place secretly on board of the *Massachusetts* a large number of iron-bound boxes, containing *several thousands of flint-lock muskets*, many tons of coal, a lot of heavy-made harness, water and provisions; and they had also stowed away a good supply of ammunition without being discovered.

Two or three days ago the captain obtained a Custom-House clearance for a Southern port upon a fictitious invoice, and the vessel was announced among the clearances in the *Shipping List*. The *Massachusetts*, however, did not proceed on her voyage as was anticipated, in consequence of the chief engineer having made his exit, and those left on board would not risk leaving port unless that officer was with them.

Steam-tugs were fastened on each side of the *Massachusetts*, and she was yesterday towed to Pier No. 12, North River, where the crew, disabled [illegible] watch during the night.

The muskets found on board of the *Massachusetts* were closely examined by Marshal DE ANGELIS and several others, who subsequently received reliable information, that the firearms were all purchased on an excursion got up [illegible] by Marshal DE ANGELIS. In regard to this, further developments will probably be made to-day, which may lead to the arrest of various parties, who are implicated in this filibustering affair.

It is rumored that there is still another large vessel lying in our port, which has been placed under the surveillance of the Marshal, [illegible] suspicious circumstances connected with her, will fully justify the Marshal in the course he has taken.

The Snow—Broadway Alive—The Fast Horses—Sleigh Ride—Accidents, &c.

Broadway was in a fine condition yesterday. The sleighing, good for the City, was taken advantage of. All sorts and conditions of people, all sorts and conditions of sleighs and all manner of horse-flesh were in active commotion. The fancy "pungs" and the gigantic omnibus on runners ran along [illegible] their occupants vociferating, and the street boys pelting them all. Sundry indignant [illegible] handsome bonnets laid up in ordinary in consequence of serious wounds received. Various new and costly custom suffered bodily harm from the contact of snow-balls which were packed particularly hard. The horses reeked with perspiration, and, it truth must be said, were a little too hardly worked on some of the City Railroads where the cars were not doubled as soon as they should have been. Hilarity abounded everywhere where a pair of runners was to be found, (save, and excepting always the Third, which is now cut to pieces by the Railroad Company's track) there was the highest state of excitement and the jolliest of afternoons and the merriest of nights. On the Bloomingdale Road, where there are no Railroads, the sleighing was magnificent. A perfect Carnival prevailed there. Crowds of sleighs thronged the whole length of the splendid Road all the day. The jingle of bells, the crack of whips, laughter and gleeful cries echoed at midnight by the shouts of the last pung which, by that time, had got "tight." Above the line of Thirtieth-street, the sleighing remains good, and remains will be serviceable on the upper part of the island for a fortnight yet, unless a thaw occurs. On Broadway, in the Bowery, and in most of the side streets, the snow already begins to show what is "up." They will have their own way by to-morrow, and runners will be turned into good wheels, speedily.

If for no other reason than that a few hours' employment was afforded to the Poor, this fall of snow has been a blessing. Whole regiments of men and boys, and even women, shovelled tons of snow in the City yesterday. The changes that made were not in all cases as modest as could be wished. One fellow we heard of demanded six shillings, but another did it for two. A Dutch boy was [illegible] terly because a bigger Dutch lad wanted to pay him his share of sixpence. But a nigger woman did a handsome job for a sixpence, and thought the good pay, for she had no bread. The Park contractors were to have had a mass-meeting in the Parade ground, but it proved too much for their philosophy when they found the snow half-way up to their knees. Nothing particular was done in the way of hoeing down the ruins in the Park, although there were small knots of anxious seekers. Altogether, the day was a notable one. It has put several guineas in the pockets of the diligent. Whether their gains a day will prove to be a pound a year, however, is more than doubtful.

So far as we heard, there were but few upsets and no catastrophes worth the mention. If the day was merry, so also was it quiet.

Railroad Stock Down.

The Rutland and Burlington Railroad was sold on Monday at Bellows Falls, for one-fifty per share. This was the first and only bid. The capital stock, all honestly subscribed for, cost over MILLIONS TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS. The stock, sold by the Sheriff under attachment, brought twenty-two dollars. This Road, which has been for years, and is still operative, [illegible] striking example of that railway fever which pervaded New-England in 1849.

The whole investment of its Stockholders is *nihil*—all lost, squandered, extinguished. Its [illegible] bonds, secured by mortgage, to the amount of three millions, and its floating debt to two millions more—the latter, like the stock, being now annihilated.

Notwithstanding the utterly rotten condition of its affairs, indicated by such facts, this stock has actually been sold in Boston, within ten days past, for $3 a share. What can equal the absurdity of railway speculation? How many more roads are doomed to a similar fate? The question is easily answered, and yet every day brings forth its project quite as ridiculous as that of the Rutland and Burlington Road.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

TO LET—THE FIRST FLOOR AND BASEMENT OF the store No. 12 Vesey-st.; also, the second story, 100 feet in depth, fronting and having an entrance [illegible] from Barclay-st., will be rented singly, or they can be [illegible] united, making one of the most light, spacious, and commanding stores in the City, admirably adapted for the jobbing or importing business. The store is stocked and in perfect order. Inquire of FERREDO & BUCKLEY, No. 6 Barclay-st., directly in the rear of the Astor House, or R. G. MOULTON, No. [illegible] Broadway.

COWEN'S GEM THEATRE.

A Treatise on the Civil Jurisdiction of Magistrates in Towns, and incidentally of the power and duty of Sheriffs, Constables, &c. Fourth edition. By Wm. Cowen.

RAMBOUT'S CRIMINAL TRADING.

A Treatise on the Criminal Law, as it bears on the Jurisdiction of the Justices of the Peace, and incidentally of the power and duty of Sheriffs, Constables, &c. By G. I. Rambout.

The above published by BANKS, GOULD & CO., No. 144 Nassau-st., New-York, and No. [illegible] Broadway, Albany.

PIANOS—PIANOS—GREAT REDUCTION IN PRICES.—Superior tuned pianos for $125, $135, and $150; [illegible] as good, and the same as those which cost $250 and $300 [illegible] and price, comprising those of the [illegible] among them the celebrated pianos of Chickering, Boston, Burgett & Co.'s make (owners of the patent pianos), Hallet & Cummings, at great bargains; [illegible] from five different manufacturers. Pianos from [illegible] sed. HORACE WATERS, No. 333 Broadway.

TO COMMIT MURDER QUIETLY.—TAKE A young lady, and let her die of a lingering disease, and the sexton is called in to bury her. Take a cold [illegible] will bring on a fever, and she will die in a month. Old [illegible] Ladies are more quietly [illegible] Quilted Beds and Bedding. Also, a large assortment of [illegible] for cold weather, up to many, and the very, all kinds of Bedding for sale wholesale and retail, at [illegible] to hear it. Where do they sleep, pray? Why, at J. P. MILLER's CO'S, No. 102 Canal-st.

RICE & CO.'S SALAMANDER SAFES, WILLIAMS' PATENT.—Twelve years in use and not a single one to be found in a condition to be opened by fire or burglars. Warranted to be the best. For sale by STRAHAN & MARVIN, Nos. 164 and 166 Water-st. The only agents of Rice's celebrated Wilder's and Rich & Co.'s Safes.

SANUARY.—THIS APPEARS TO BE A MONTH FOR BUSINESS BARGAINS. [illegible] MUNROE & CO., No. 441 Broadway, and [illegible] portion of their Winter goods (the most [illegible] sortment) at prices to suit the times.

PATENT FIRE-PROOF SAFES, WITH [illegible] guarantees to manufacture (for sale) his Patent Chemical Safe, with Hall's Patent Powder Proof Lock, [illegible] larger than a tenth part.) Depot, Grand [illegible] Water and Pine-sts. SILAS C. HERRING.

DEFIANCE SALAMANDER SAFES.—ROBERT M. PATRICK is the only agent for the Defiance Safes, which are entirely fireproof. E. G. Gardner's celebrated Safes are also here. Depot, No. 302 Pearl-st., one door below Hanover-sq.

WEEDING RAKES.—AN ASSORTMENT OF HORSE RAKES, elegantly finished, Warranted Weeders, Cotton Drills, &c., for sale by [illegible] JAMES SVERDELL, No. 52 Beekman-st.

OFFERING TO LET—SINGLE OR EN SUITE, FOR THE [illegible] LLOYD, No. 14 Nassau-st.

PERSONAL.

IF THIS SHOULD MEET THE NOTICE of JOHN or HENRY FIEBUS, they will hear something to their advantage by calling at No. 397 4th-av.

WANTED.

SITUATION WANTED—By a neat young girl of respectable City references, as child's nurse and plain family seamstress; is a good sleeper, cheerful and can take charge of the children; can do neat plain sewing and ironing; will take six dollars a month in a private family or a respectable boarding-house, as she is fully competent. Call or send a note to No. 222 1st-av., first floor, back rooms.

SITUATION WANTED—By a very respectable Scotch person, in a store, bakery preferred, as porter, waiter, and can keep accounts; or willing to take light chamber work and occasional sewing in a gentleman's family. Can be seen for two days, from 10 to 12 o'clock, at Mr. WHYTE'S Boot and Shoe Store, No. 32 3d-av., between 7th and 8th-sts.

SITUATION WANTED—As traveling agent in fancy goods and perfumery house, by a young man that has traveled for such a house in Philadelphia the last two years, being well acquainted with the western and southern buyers in that line. Best of references given. Address H. H., Broadway Post-Office.

SITUATION WANTED—By a respectable woman as good cook, and understands pastry; has no objection to assist in the washing and ironing. A private family or boarding-house preferred. Please call at No. 64 Spring-st., beneath, for 3 days or till suited. Good references given from her last place.

SITUATION WANTED—By an experienced female teacher in vocal and instrumental music in a private family, where her board would be considered an equivalent for her services in teaching. The best City references given. Address H. R., Union-square Post-Office.

SITUATION WANTED—By a respectable Protestant young woman, as children's nurse and plain sewer, or chamber-maid and waiter. Has good recommendations. Apply at No. 122 West 19th-st., second house east of 6th-av.

SITUATION WANTED—As cook, by a respectable Protestant woman, and to assist in the laundry. The best of reference given. To be seen for one day at No. 1006 12th-st.

SITUATION WANTED—By a respectable young woman, to do chamber work and sewing, or would undertake a laundry. Good City references from last place. Can be seen at No. 164 4th st., rear, 3d floor.

SITUATION WANTED—By a young woman, as waiter. Can be seen for a few days at her last place, No. 288 6th-av.

SOPRANO AND TENOR.—A situation is wanted in Trinity Church choir in New-York or Brooklyn by a gentleman and his wife. They have voices of unusual excellence and the highest cultivation, and are acquainted with the Episcopal service. Address L. A. M., of this office.

TO MANUFACTURING CHEMISTS, DRYSALTERS, &c.—A Scotch gentleman, possessing a knowledge of Chemistry and the drysalting business, is desirous of meeting with an engagement in America as superintendent, foreman, or otherwise, and can produce ample references of the highest respectability as to character, etc. Address, free, stating particulars and salary, which must not be under £200 per annum, to T. M. C. D., Post-Office, Glasgow, Scotland.

AMERICAN HELP.—American girls wishing situations in domestic service, are cordially invited to apply at the Servants' Institute, No. 149 Grand-st. They are given good first situations; are provided at a cheap rate with a quiet, respectable home; where, also, they can obtain much useful instruction in household works, and have every reasonable accommodation. Inquire for the Matron.

WANTED—School teachers, clerks, agents, bookkeepers, machinists, artisans, hands, and laborers of all kinds. For $1 and two postage stamps sent, postpaid, to E. ALBY, Newport, R. H., I will furnish any person immediately with a permanent situation with a salary from $50 to $100 and board, according to business desired, and qualifications of applicant.

GIRL WANTED.—A tidy, and intelligent American, GIRL WANTED.—A tidy, and intelligent American, that understands housework and plain sewing, to work in a small family in Jersey City. One that will take an interest in the work and is willing to make herself generally useful, can find a permanent situation, good wages, and will be treated as one of the family. Apply at No. 19 Cortlandt-st., up stairs.

AGENTS WANTED—To visit the principal places in the United States and Canadas, to sell the best ever out. Mirror of Sebastopol and map of the Black Sea and Crimea, showing the military positions of the allied forces, views of the terrible battlements on the Black Sea, Battle of Balaclava, etc. Some agents are now making $10 per day. Apply at No. 60 Fulton-street, up stairs.

YOUNG MAN WANTED—Who understands keeping the books by single entry, and has had experience in the grocery business. The best of references as to capacity and integrity will be required. Apply at No. 127 East 25th-st., between 9 and 10 o'clock, to-day.

GOVERNESS WANTED—A member of the Protestant Episcopal Church, to teach French, Music, and the usual English branches. Address GOVERNESS, post-paid, No. 33 North William-st., New-York.

INFANT WANTED TO WET NURSE—By a healthy woman, who has lost her baby only a few days ago. Apply at No. 46 7th-st., fourth story, front room. Satisfactory reference will be given.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC—BALLET! BALLET! BALLET!—Wanted several young ladies for Ballet. Apply at the office of the Academy, between 11 and 1 o'clock.

BOY WANTED—In an Importing-house. Inquire at No. 30 Pine-st.

$5 PER DAY.—Gentlemen having a capital of $10, can be employed in a perfectly safe business; address box 3,010 Post-Office, with 12 cents in stamps, or calling on BROWN & DORMAN, No. 67 Dey-st., up stairs. Full particulars and specimens by return mail.

AGENTS WANTED—To solicit orders and sell rights of Odd Fellows' Lightning Conductors. A number of agents required. Properties Upon Nature's Co., 7 Gold-st.

GOOD CHAMBER AND LAUNDRYMAID WANTED. Apply at No. 36 East 18th-st., between 9 and 11 A. M.

JOHN YOUNG, Agent of the Protectors, Hose Company, having closed the Newry office, will receive all orders for servants from No. 7 Carmine-st.

HOUSES, &c. WANTED.

WANTED TO RENT—A furnished dwelling house (for a family of four grown persons) with a few acres of ground attached, within 20 miles of this City, and easy of access by railroad or steamboat. Address Box, No. 1,418 Post-Office.

WANTED TO LEASE OR PURCHASE—A three-story and basement brick House, with modern improvements; lot about 20 to 100 feet, somewhere between 34-st. and Broadway, and 4th and 20th-sts., preferred. Address, C. H. G., No. 120 Livingston-st., stating terms and location.

HOUSE WANTED—By a gentleman and his wife. A small two-story house, with gas and water, by the 1st of May, between 3d and 6th-sts., and 4th and 20th-sts. Address BOLLO, at the office of this paper.

BOARDING.

BOARDING.—A gentleman and his wife can obtain a Brooklyn-front parlor and bedroom, with board, in a private family, at No. 128 Clinton-st., near Atlantic-st. The house contains modern improvements. Dinner at 5 o'clock. No children, and none taken. To those who wish a comfortable home, and who are willing to pay an equivalent for what they receive, this is addressed. Satisfactory references required. A note addressed to C., Box No. 56, will receive immediate attention.

BOARD IN BROOKLYN.—Two or three gentlemen can be accommodated with pleasant rooms, board, washing, fuel, &c., on the second floor, with a private boarding family. The house is in a good neighborhood in a desirable one, and but a few minutes' walk to Fulton and Montague Ferries. Please address L. L. D., Tower Office, with real name attached. Unexceptionable references given and required.

BOARDING UP TOWN.—Apartments can be had, with board, in a private house of the first class, brown stone English basement, where but few boarders can be accommodated; also, an elegantly furnished suite of rooms, the first landing. Apply at No. 27 West 25th-st., between Broadway and 5th-av.

BOARDING DOWN TOWN.—At No. 6 Cortlandt-st.—Pleasant front room. One have front room, suitable for a gentleman and lady, or for two or three gentlemen. Other rooms for single gentlemen.

BOARDING.—A large furnished room and pantry attached, to let to No. 56 White-st., near Broadway; also, one or two single rooms. Reference exchanged.

BOARDING.—A gentleman and lady, or wife, and two or three single gentlemen, can be accommodated with pleasant rooms and good board, at No. 204 Bleecker-st.

BOARDING.—A front room, with full board, for two gentlemen, can be had at No. 41 West 17th-st., between 5th and 6th-avs.

ROOMS WANTED.—By a gentleman and his wife, a front parlor and bedroom, unfurnished, consisting of a parlor and bedroom, or bedroom and sitting-room, in a private family, not far from the Bowery and Chatham-st. The house must be in good order, and the rooms must be well ventilated. Address, stating terms, and location, and name, Box No. 1,418 Post-Office.

TO LET, WITH BOARD—In a first-class boarding house, two unfurnished rooms, on first floor. Apply at No. 18 Allen-st.

LARGE PARLOR TO LET—With bedroom, at No. 4 Bleecker-st.

TO MERCHANTS, LAWYERS AND ARTISTS.—[illegible]

DR. [illegible] ITALIAN [illegible] ROOM FOR [illegible] [illegible] ROOM [illegible] [illegible] ROOM [illegible] [illegible] ROOM

this firm; and consequently [illegible] in the execution of their appointments, will not be [illegible] in their management. [illegible] will be introduced on the same, [illegible] closets, &c., will [illegible] complete system of ventilation. The [illegible] will be in [illegible] above the 1st of June next, and will be dedicated by Captain Lyons of the Hussars.

Sale of Church Property.

A. J. BLEECKER sold at auction yesterday, at the Merchants' Exchange, the leasehold property known as the First Wesleyan Chapel, together with the lease of the lot situated on the south side of Vesey-street, between Hudson and Greenwich-streets. The Church is sixty-four feet front and eighty feet in depth; built of brick, with brown-stone columns in front. The ground comprises three lots, and is leased from the Vestry of Trinity Church, and has seven years unexpired from the 25th of March next, without ground rent, with covenants for renewals of twenty-one years, as an appurtenant, or the improvements to be paid for. The sale was made to HENRY WEBB, Esq., for $12,500.

Board of Supervisors.

The Recorder in the Chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

Several for the remission of taxes.

REPORTS ADOPTED.

In favor of remitting the taxes of E. Curtis and others. In relation to the Register's Office, and in favor of fitting up the office with tin cases for maps, &c.; and that all the record books be repaired.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

That the Committee on County Offices be directed to make such alteration as will free this room from gas.

Adjourned to the first Monday in February.

THE ALLEGED SLAVER CASE.

Before United States Commissioner Morton.

The examination in the case of Wm. C. VALENTINE, charged with fitting out the *Julia Moulton* as a slaver, was resumed yesterday.

John W. Cole, of the firm of Poole, Pentz & Cole, Shipping Merchants, New-York, was called by the United States District Attorney, and, being sworn, deposed: I have known Wm. C. Valentine eight or ten years; have been in the shipping business for him; our firm shipped the crew of the *Julia Moulton* in February, 1854; the wages we advanced amounted to about $200; we shipped the mate, J. Hines, and he signed the articles; I did not see him sign them, but I saw him sign the receipt for $50, advance wages, dated February 11, 1854; the man present (James Willis,) is the one who signed the receipt; he signed it James Hines; I did not see the money paid; the clerk paid it to him; I asked Mr. Valentine if the bill was good, and who would be responsible for it; he told me that the Captain of the *Julia Moulton* would leave the money with Babbige & Valentine to pay us; we got the money of them afterwards.

Cross-examination by Mr. Whiting.—The $50 mentioned was paid in my office; Mr. Valentine was not there when it was paid; the money was paid by the clerk in the office; I do not know whether Mr. Babbige or Valentine paid us the wages advanced by us; I can't state who was with Willis when he was shipped; all those we shipped were shipped in the ordinary way; I don't know whether the Captain gave the order for shipping the men or not; I was not in the office when the order was left; I do not know Capt. Smith personally; I may have seen him; I think Mr. Valentine sent for me and ask the Captain to take the men.

Direct examination resumed.—Our firm had been in the habit of shipping men for Babbige & Valentine, and we looked to them for pay; I did not know what vessels *Babbige & Valentine were interested in; I asked Mr.* Valentine about the pay advanced by us for the Julia Moulton, because I understood Babbige & Valentine were putting up stores for her, and because I saw Capt. Smith going in there frequently; I never had any conversation about the business with Mr. Babbige previous to the arrest.

To a question as to how the articles were opened for the York Republic, objection was made on the ground that the articles themselves should be adduced in testimony.

By Mr. Whiting.—When I speak of Mr. Valentine in connection with the shipping of men for the Julia Moulton, I mean Babbige & Valentine; we did not compare the Julia Moulton's papers; Valentine's business in James Willis never said to me he should decline going in the *Julia Moulton* as mate, and that we might ship another in his place.

Henry Finn.—Being called, deposed: I was shipped on the *Julia Moulton* as an ordinary seaman; I was shipped in the office of Poole, Pentz & Cole; Mr. Lucas gave me the money; I signed no receipts; the *Julia Moulton* sailed from New-York on Sunday, January 15, 1854; she lay at Sandy Hook three days and then went to sea; when out thirty or forty days they commenced to lay the slave-deck and make gratings for the main hatch, and an awning; we arrived on the coast of Africa in fifty or sixty days, at a place called Cabega de Cobra; we hoisted a signal, and a small boat came from the shore to us and ordered us to put to sea for nine days, and go to a place further to the southward and take in a cargo of negroes; we did so, and went to a place called Ambouzie, where several of the crew of the *Glenmorgan* came on board; after we got aboard there a cargo of negroes came alongside; after being out eight or ten days the *Glenmorgan* took his place, when we got to Cuba we hoisted our signal for a pilot, and a pilot came on board; the boat went back and got another pilot; while we were hoisting up to the hays a lighter came off, and a man who said he was the American Consul came on board; while he was on board two more lighters came off to the ship; after giving the negroes their dinner, they were ordered on board the lighters; the brig was left in charge of the pilot and the man who was with him; they ran her ashore that night and burnt her; the lighter that belonged to the consignees, and that we went out to look for the *Julia Moulton*, came up to the other lighter and took the negroes on board, and the pilot brought us off the next morning; they then went into a creek and landed the negroes; we walked that day about seven miles, when Capt. Smith left us; I did not see Capt. Smith again till I saw him here in the Tombs; there were 500 negroes taken on board; they were received off the coast of Africa from Ambouzie, the place I have mentioned, while in open sea; they were brought on board by lighters and canoes; Capt. Smith and Willis, the mate, received them; about 500 were landed in Cuba; we were from fifty to sixty days making the run from Africa to Cuba.

Cross-examined by Mr. Whiting.—I first discovered the *Julia Moulton* was going on the Slave-trade when they began laying the slave decks; I supposed we were going to the West Indies; I thought we were a long time going there; as I had been there before; the *Julia Moulton* left from Pier No. 46 East River.

The prosecution here rested their case.

To-day, at 12 o'clock, will begin the examination on the part of the defence.

Mayor's Black Book.

The following complaints registered yesterday on the Mayor's book prove that the popularity of that record does not yet flag:

ANNOYING ALTOS.—That East Thirty-third-street, between Madison and Fourth-avenues, is encumbered with timber and flag-stones, and also that the street is very filthy, not having been cleaned since its existence.

ANNOYING LAUNDRY.—That Dinner is sold in the Sixteenth Ward, on sundry places, on Sundays.

WM. PATTERSON.—That proper weight and measure are not given at the Washington Market.

B. HALEY, No. 360 Pearl-street.—That a hat and cap stand in front of No. 66 South-street obstructs the sidewalk; and it is a great annoyance to occupants in the rear.

A. VAN HOUSENVOY, of Nassau-street.—That drapers are in the habit of hanging their clothes out, to the great annoyance of passers by and storekeepers in that vicinity.

E. H. DIXON, of Fifth-avenue.—Complains that the police do not prevent the beggars from frequenting that avenue locality.

OLIVER MONROE, D. T. GRAY, and others.—That smoke daily issues from premises No. 129 Duane-street, which is so extensive as to drive passengers on the other side of the street.

HAWKINS & PULLMAN.—That the Second-avenue Railroad Company have thrown the snow from their track in Pearl-street, rendering the street impassable to other vehicles.

WM. WILLIAMS, No. 118 Nassau-street.—That ashes at the corner of Beekman and Nassau-streets have not been removed for a long past.

ROBT. JAMES, No. 176 Hudson-street.—Of the snow thrown into Jones, Pearl, and particularly in Hudson-street.

GEO. B. SAUNDERS, No. 174 William-street.—Complains that a child extremely disfigured constantly begs at the corner of Fulton-street and Fourth-avenue, to a great annoyance to passers by.

[illegible] Engine Company No. 4.—That Ann-street, between Broadway and Nassau-street, is badly lighted at night, and consequently the lives of the citizens are endangered by the reckless manner in which the engine plays through the street with their apparatus.

ROBT. AND E. DANIEL, No. 201 West Forty-third-street.—That the company of a house next to the Catholic Church, in Forty-third-street, keeps two dogs that are constantly kept on hand, and sometimes all day, much to the annoyance of the neighborhood and the passers by.

[illegible] Jones—or a man in Jones—at No. 95 Bleecker-street, which is in a dangerous condition, being dead and much decayed.

WM. DOBER.—That ——— LYNCH, in Gold-street, between Frankfort and Spruce-streets, obstructs a view of the sidewalk by his swinging sign.

WM. DOBER, Gold-street.—That they should not prevent the numerous gangs of runners, drivers who frequent the wharves that standing cull, cigar, [illegible].

A. TERRELL, No. 372 Hudson-street.—That he has been compelled to take in his sign board, and that his neighbor, in No 374, has been allowed to keep his one in violation of the law.

EMERY & GRIFFIN, No. 92 William-street.—That cab owners have attempted to remove his sign from that street several days ago.

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NEW-YORK CITY.

New Steamship Arago.

The launch of the new steamship *Arago*, which was to have taken place yesterday from J. A. Westervelt's yard, foot of Eleventh-street, East River, in consequence of interruption from the recent fall of snow, has been postponed. The *Arago*, it will be remembered, is designed to replace the *Humboldt*, of the New-York and Havre Steam Navigation Company Line. No pains or expense—$450,000 being the contract cost—has certainly been spared to make her fully equal to the position she is to occupy. Built under the immediate personal supervision of Captain WM. SKIDDY, of ever forty years' experience and guaranteed seaworthy in ship building, specified, and has been taken to employ throughout first-grade workmen, and to use only the best quality material. The *Arago* is 210 feet length of keel, 40 feet six inches breadth of beam, 31 feet 6 inches depth of hold, 2,320 tons measurement, 3,000 measurement tonnage. She has four decks of nearly 6 feet average depth, and the upper one 200 feet long. She is double throughout, copper-fastened, with heavy American iron, 6 inches by ½ inch thick. Four of the larger compartments, hold, cabin, &c., of the vessel are constructed and perfectly water-tight, with view to guard against the ingress of water in case of collision or leakage from any cause. In addition to this the engine and boilers are surrounded by a substantial water-tight bulkhead. Two condensing engines, constructed at the Novelty Iron Works, will be placed in the *Arago*, of 65 inch cylinders and 10 feet stroke of piston. The paddle wheels are 32 feet diameter, and 30 feet length of buckets. Messrs. Vernon & Cottrell, of New-York, shown exclusively patronized by the Steamship Company for this purpose, put in the cabins. The uniform taste and elegance shown in

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to a quick reading in Broadway, at 10 o'clock of the 24th inst., [illegible] $100. The money was recovered.

JOHN CLEMENTS, clerk at Crook's cigar warehouse, had his house broken up during Sunday evening.

JAMES R. STEVENS, No. 200 Eighth-avenue.—That persons in his employ, and all dry goods, dues, &c., stations in said avenue, and other parts of the City.

JAMES RYNES, No. 16 Columbia-street.—That there is a nuisance in Commerce-st., near Bryant-street; that the attention of the Captain of the Thirteenth Ward Police has been called to it and other nuisances, and that they continue still unabated.

MESSRS. BOLLINGS, PETTIT & CO. complain of many lighted piers, and that where they are there are frequently on shipowners' property nightly, for want of more light and a river police.

E. B. OSBORN, No. 160 Eldridge-street.—That the premises of clothing, corner Hester and Ludlow, insult passers by, raising hell or and otherwise annoying them.

LAW INTELLIGENCE.

COURT CALENDAR.—FRIDAY.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT.—Nos. 47, 48, 49, 51 to 57.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS.—Nos. 2021, 1762, 1867, 2029, 2084, 2049, 2050, 1554, 1567, 1169, 1440, 1261, 1158, 1260, 1561, 779, 631, 1455, 1604, 1603, 645, 261, 574, 1288, 1408, 698, 464, 1175, 1208, 140, 1088, 2782, 2783, 2049, 2024, 2743, 2705, 2017, 2024, 2027, 2027, 2017.

SUPREME COURT—Nos. 340, 341, 217, 13, 241, 200, 199, 202, 212, 208, 208, 408, 47, 350, 261, 268, 269, 269, 274, 277, 279, 319.

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM—Jan. 25.

Before Hon. Judge Daly.

The Harlem Railroad vs. Alexander Kyle.—This case was resumed yesterday by the examination of E. S. Batchelor. He testified that he was Vice President, and a member of the Board of Directors in the Harlem Railroad Company in July last; kept the minutes of a meeting held on the 20th July last, at which the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Board it is just and right that the Company assume the whole of the over-issue, as reported to this Board by the Committee, by purchasing preferred stock equal to the over-issue in the old stock, and for that purpose the Board resolves that there be a meeting of the stockholders called on the first day of August next, to be held at the office of the Company, No. 1 Centre-street, at 1 o'clock P. M. of that day, to consider and pass upon the subject.

It will be seen that the whole amount of stock (old or preferred) overissued can be replaced for less than $150,000 purchased now, at the market value of said stock at the time the transfer books were closed, which was, old stock 49, and preferred stock 65.

W. C. WETMORE, President *pro tem.*

JULY 21, 1854.

A meeting of the stockholders was held, pursuant to that resolution, which was called, according to the statute, by a printed notice being served on each stockholder. Some resolution was passed at that meeting with regard to the assumption of stock, of which I have no distinct recollection. It was stated by the counsel for plaintiffs that the minutes of the meeting were roughly kept, and not inserted on the minutes.

Nicholas Dean, sworn: Am President of the Harlem Railroad Company; the company have assumed the whole of the old stock so far as known; they have purchased the preferred stock, but have not cancelled it, to the amount of between 800 and 900 shares, which were purchased to be cancelled when the company were authorized to do so by the adjudication of the Court.

By Mr. Tallmadge—My impressions are, that such stock was purchased by the Treasurer in the name of the Company. I know not from whom. The stock was purchased by the exchange of second mortgage bonds of the Company at par, at seven per cent. interest, payable in ten years.

The market value of the bonds so given I do not know, as they have never been in the market.

The Company refused to recognize the shares which they believed to be spurious, and would not allow transfers for them.

The 800 or 900 shares of preferred stock referred to were genuine.

His Honor said, that on rendering judgment he would decide that the holders of preferred shares are entitled to recover the money which they have advanced upon those shares, which he would assume the holders purchased at market value.

Examination resumed—All the old stock issued by Kyle has been assumed.

FOR DEFENCE.

L. J. Van Buskirk, brokers; the value of the old stock of the Harlem Railroad previous to the discovery of the alleged defalcation fluctuated very much—from 40 to between 70 and 80; in the Spring of 1854 it ranged from 55 to 60.

The counsel announced that the evidence was closed.

The Judge directed counsel on both sides to furnish him with the form of decree which each contended should be made, and that he would then make such order in the case as he thought the evidence warranted.

LONG ISLAND.

EXTENSIVE CONFLAGRATION IN SOUTH BROOKLYN.

Five Buildings Destroyed—Loss of $40,000.

At a little past five o'clock yesterday morning a fire broke out in the kitchen attached to CALLEN & BULLARD's Dining Saloon, No. 15 Atlantic-street, Brooklyn, near the South Ferry. The material in the immediate vicinity of where the fire originated was of such an inflammable nature that the fire, though immediately discovered upon breaking out, baffled all the efforts made to stay its progress, and soon communicated with the main building, and so rapidly did it burn that none of the contents were saved, and the occupants barely escaped with their lives. From No. 15, the fire quickly communicated with and destroyed Nos. 13 and 11 on the one side, towards the Ferry, and 17 and 19 in the other direction.

No. 11, which is at the corner of Furman and Atlantic streets, was owned by ANSON BLAKE, and occupied as a hotel called the "Waverley House," by HENRY J. CALLO, with the exception of the fourth story. Mr. BLAKE's loss is $6,000 on the building. Mr. CALLO succeeded in saving a large portion of his furniture in a damaged state.

No. 13 was also owned by ANSON BLAKE, and valued at $6,000. The first story was occupied, as a bar-room, by THOMAS CAVANAGH, whose loss is about $1,000. Insured for $800 in the St. Nicholas Insurance Company, New-York. The upper part of this building, and also the fourth story of No. 11, over the Waverley House, were occupied by Mrs. KANE, as a boarding-house. This building, being adjoining the one where the fire originated, was the second on fire, and burned with such rapidity, that but a small portion of the contents were saved; and it was even with difficulty that the occupants escaped—the fire having caught in the lower part of the building first, cut off all egress in the usual way. Mr. GEORGE WOOD, who formerly kept a fruit store on Atlantic-street, barely escaped with his life, in his night-clothes.

No. 15, where the fire originated, was owned by Mr. HEISENBOTTEL, of New-York, and valued at $6,000. It was occupied throughout by CHRISTIAN & BULLARD; on the first floor as a dining saloon, and the upper part as lodging rooms. The occupants did not save anything. Messrs. C. & B.'s loss is estimated at between $1,500 and $2,000. Insured for $1,500.

No. 17, also owned by Mr. HEISENBOTTEL, of New-York, and worth about $5,000, was occupied on the first floor by JAMES MCCOY as a boot and shoe store, and the upper stories by families—names not ascertained. This building is not entirely destroyed, but it will have to be rebuilt. The occupants saved a portion of their property in a damaged state.

No. 19, owned by JOHN QUINLAN, and valued at $6,000, is much damaged, but can be repaired probably, without pulling the walls down. The first story was occupied by Mrs. H. MCALPINE as a fancy goods store—most of the stock was saved. The upper part was occupied by Mrs. ELIZABETH L. ELKIN as a boarding-house. The property in this part of the building was much damaged by fire, but more by water.

There were many narrow escapes at this fire, but no serious accidents. A boy was knocked down in Atlantic-street by an engine, while proceeding to the fire; the wheels of the machine just grazed his head, and he escaped unhurt.

A heavy swing sign in front of No. 17 fell without warning, and struck in a shower of fragments, knocking off the caps of several, but all escaped unhurt.

While the fire was at its height, PATRICK WARD and Robert [illegible] were in the fourth story of No. 17, and No. 11, respectively, in the fourth story of [illegible] the buildings on fire, and while there the roof fell in upon them, and but for some cause of alleged by their companions, they would have lost their lives. Their escape from almost instant death was truly miraculous.

A woman residing in house No. 17 penetrated to the basement to save some articles of clothing left there by her, and was prostrated by the heat and smoke. She was found immediately afterwards by the firemen, insensible, and removed in season to save her life.

After the fire, Engine No. 2 was taken to the Corporation yard by order of the Chief Engineer—the Company, as before stated, having abandoned it at an early stage of the fire.

On returning from the fire three members of Engine Co. No. 16 were arrested by the Police—JOHN CLEGHORN and DANIEL GROGAN for fighting together, and ALEXANDER MCCLINTOCK for violating a City ordinance by running with the Engine. They were taken before Justice DANIEL K. SMITH, when CLEGHORN was fined $10, GROGAN $10, and McCLINTOCK $5. They were all sent to Jail in default of payment of fine.

When these arrests were made Engine Co. No. 16 abandoned their machine, and it was taken to the Corporation yard by order of the Chief Engineer.

The firemen and police turned out promptly when the first alarm was given for this fire, and worked with assiduity for nearly five hours, at which time most of the fire had been extinguished.

The buildings destroyed were all brick, four stories high, and were all insured, but in what offices not ascertained.

The Poor in Brooklyn.

During the month preceding the 24th inst., the Brooklyn Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor distributed coal and groceries to the value of $5,656 to one thousand two hundred and forty families, embracing seven thousand persons. Notwithstanding the most scrutinizing economy has been practiced, the calls for assistance have been so numerous and urgent, that the funds of the Association are now exhausted, and they now appeal to the public for further means to carry on their work of charity.

The organization of this Association is perhaps the most perfect of its kind. The agents and visitors are all persons of established character and standing, and anything placed in their hands for the purposes of the Association will be appropriately and judiciously applied. Those desiring to render aid can do so through the President, Mr. STEPHEN CROWELL, No. 344 Fulton-street, or the General Agent, LUTHER EAMES, No. 98 Hicks-street.

Installation.

Last evening Rev. W. W. KING was installed pastor of the Universalist Church corner of Fourth and South Third-streets. The sermon was delivered by Rev. T. J. SAWYER, address to the Society by Rev. E. H. CHAPIN, and charge to the pastor by Rev. H. R. NYE.

NEW-JERSEY.

Washington's Birthday.

The Jersey City Continental Guard, Capt. SANDERSON, is making preparation for the celebration of WASHINGTON's Birthday, by a parade in the morning and a Ball in the evening at the Hudson House.

HORRIBLE CRUELTY.—A free colored woman named ZANITH committed, on Monday, an act of the most horrible cruelty upon a little negro child belonging to Mr. CHARLEMENT. It appears that this woman, for reasons that we do not know, hated this little negro with an excessive hatred. Hearing that the child was to pass the door of her house, she provided herself with a kettle of hot water, and when the child presented himself, she threw the contents over him. The injuries are such that it is probable the child will die. The police immediately arrested ZANITH. We hope that the woman will be severely punished.—*Courrier de la Louisiane.*

MARKET REPORTS.

Markets....*Carefully reported for the N. Y. Daily Times.*

THURSDAY, Jan. 25—5 P. M.

ASHES—Remain dull and almost nominal, with only retail sales at $7@$7 12½ for Pearls, and $6 62½ for Pots, ⅌ 100 lbs.

CANDLES—Sperm are in fair request. 500 boxes were sold to-day at 38c.@40c. for patent, and 28c.@30c. for plain, ⅌ lb. Other kinds are essentially unchanged.

COFFEE—The demand is limited, the trade being the only purchasers, and these have any existing advantage. Sales were made of 50 pkgs. Java at 13c.@12½c.; 156 Maracaibo at 10½c.@10¼c.; 400 bags Rio at 9½c.@10½c.; and 50 Balsa, the latter at 9c. cash, ⅌ lb.

COTTON—The news has imparted a better tone to the market, but the scantiness of the stock prevents active sales. Some inquiry was anticipated to-day from Eastern manufacturers, but whatever orders were expected did not arrive early enough for execution. There is some speculative movement in Cotton in transitu, but parties are reluctant to give any information respecting it. We continue to quote:

NEW-YORK CLASSIFICATION.

	Upland.	Florida.	Mobile.	New-Orleans and Texas.
Ordinary	7½	7½	7½	7½
Middling	8½	8½	8½	9
Middling Fair	9½	9½	10	10½
Fair	10	10	10½	11

FLOUR AND MEAL—State and Western brands are still tending downwards, depressed by the influence of free receipts, unfavorable foreign news, and a diminished inquiry, both for the home trade and for shipment. The day's sales do not exceed 4,500 bbls. We append a revised list of quotations:

Ordinary State	$ 00 @ $ 12½
Straight State	8 12½@ 8 25
Favorite State	8 25 @ 8 37½
Mixed Western	8 50 @ 8 62½
Common to Good Indiana and Michigan	8 62½@ 8 87½
Fancy Michigan	8 87½@ 9 00
Common to Good Ohio	8 50 @ 8 75
Fancy Ohio	8 75 @ 9 00
Extra Ohio	9 25 @10 00
Extra Indiana and Michigan	9 00 @ 9 75
Fancy Genesee	9 00 @ 9 50
Extra Genesee	10 25 @11 50

Canadian is dull and drooping; 200 bbls. superfine were sold at $8 87½, in bond, and $9 50, free, ⅌ bbl. Southern is less active and a shade cheaper, the day's sales embracing 1,000 bbls. at $8 50@$9 for mixed to good straight and favorite brands, with $9 12½@$9 75 for fancy and extra do., ⅌ bbl. Buckwheat Flour and Rye Flour are essentially unchanged. 100 bbls. Rumey Corn Meal realized $4 62½ ⅌ bbl.

GRAIN—Wheat remains in very scanty supply; but in less sought after, and prices slightly favor buyers. We only heard of one sale of 750 bushels good Southern white at $2 25 ⅌ bushel. Rye is without essential variation. A sale of 2,600 bushels Northern, at $1 19 (time, &c.), ⅌ bushel; but there are no buyers inclined to pay over $1 18 cash, and few even as much. Barley is dull and nominal. There is more doing in Oats, which are in fair stock, and worth 56c.@61c. for State, and 61c.@65c. for Western, ⅌ bushel. Corn is rather quiet and languid, though the amount in market is not very large. The sales since our last have been within 12,000 bushels, chiefly Southern white and yellow, at 90c. ⅌ bushel, with small lots of round yellow at 90c.@91 ⅌ bushel.

HAY—The demand is very moderate for River, the sales of which include only 300 bales, at 60c.@65c. for shipment, and $1@$1 05 for local use, ⅌ 100 lbs.

HOPS—There is only a limited business being transacted in last year's crop, at 30c.@35c. ⅌ lb. The supply is increasing.

IRON—We have heard of no important transactions to-day. Stocks are accumulating, and prices are depressed.

LATHS—Eastern continues as previously reported,—scarce and nominal in price.

LEAD—A sale of 25 tons soft English was reported to-day at $6 87½, time, &c., ⅌ 100 lbs. Nothing doing in other kinds.

LIME—Rockland is very sparingly offered, and is wanted at rising prices.

MOLASSES—New-Orleans continues in steady request, and is increasing in value. Sales were made to-day of 200 bbls. at 30c., and 400 bbls. at 32c., ⅌ gallon, with 250 bbls. old new New-Orleans at 28c. Other descriptions are stationary, and not quoted.

NAVAL STORES—Crude Turpentine is without any material change. The supply is yet extremely low. Sales were reported to-day of 25 bbls. at $3 50 ⅌ 280 lbs. Spirits Turpentine is in better demand at old rates; 1,300 bbls. were disposed of to-day at 48c., cash, ⅌ gallon. Tar is selling as wanted at $3 50@$3 75 ⅌ bbl. Rosin favors buyers—some transactions occurred in common at $2 75@$2 78 ⅌ bbl. delivered.

OILS—Nothing else can be noticed in Whale or Sperm; the trade drive hards for $2 31@$2 37 ⅌ gallon. Linseed is quietly sustained at 65c.@66c. ⅌ gallon. Other kinds are unchanged.

PROVISIONS—Pork is in good request, and firm. The sales are limited to 250 bbls. Prime at $15 50, 200 bbls. Prime Mess at $18 50, and 250 bbls. Mess at $19 50 for new Mess, and 300 bbls. Prime, Mess, and Prime Mess at $18 50@$19 for old. Beef is dull and heavy. Sales of 100 bbls. Prime at $12 50@$13 for new Prime, and 300 bbls. Mess at $14@$14 50 for new Mess, and 300 bbls. Prime Mess at $16@$16 50 for old. Prime Mess Beef is moderately inquired for, steady at from $23, 75@$26 50, ⅌ tierce. Beef Hams are rather quiet, but firm, at $18@$19, ⅌ bbl. Butter is in good demand, and is steady, at 11c.@17c. for Ohio; 17c.@22c. for Western New-York, and 24c.@27c. for Orange County, ⅌ lb. Pale to Prime Cheese is selling freely, at 9½c.@10½c. ⅌ lb.

RICE—Is in better request but our advices of the steamer day to ebbing brought $4@$4 75 ⅌ 100 lbs.

SOAP—About 150 boxes Castile realized 11½c. ⅌ lb.

SUGARS—The market is quiet but firm. There is a very poor stock here. The published sales of the day are not worth reporting.

TALLOW—Some 16,000 lbs. prime were released at 12½c. ⅌ lb.

WHISKY—There have been 400 bbls. Ohio and Prime on sale at 30c.@31c. ⅌ gallon, showing an easier market.

FREIGHTS—The Freight's circular, and the reports among the merchants, exhibited a depressed state of business. For Liverpool there were engaged 35,000 to 40,000 bushels Corn at 5d.@5½d., in bulk, and 60 cents in bags, closing with the Charterers, one ship, and shippers to pay over the lowest figure. 2000 barrels Beef at 3s. 6d.; 300 bbls. Pork at 3s. 9d., and 500 barrels Rosin at 17s. 6d. Cotton was wanted to fill up, but there was very little offering. For London there were chartered 500 bbls. Pork at 3s. 6d.@3s. 9d. For Antwerp there were taken 50 bales Cotton at ¼c. ⅌ lb. For other ports we heard of nothing really new.

INSTRUCTION.

MR. MURRAY MAIRET'S SCHOOL.—For 20 approved boys, No. 36 Bible House, entrance from Astor-place. The second half-yearly term will commence on MONDAY, 29th of February next. References: Rev. Drs. Hawks, Ferris, Foss, Higbee, S. H. Weston; Messrs. Carter and Sr. Suarez, Bookseller; Hon. Gouverneur Morris, Esq., of Morris, Ferr & Co.; James Brewster, Esq., &c., &c.

MISS SPALDING.—Would inform her friends and the public that on the 1st of April, she will remove her school from the premises she has occupied for 16 years, to a more central location, on Madison-ave., where she will be able to receive an additional number of pupils, as well as afford additional facilities for Female Education.
ELIZABETHTOWN, N. J., Jan. 25, 1855.

$5. BOOK-KEEPING.—Mr. DOLBEAR, No. 422 Broadway, corner Hope-st., will commence a new class on Monday. Pupils must enter this week, to secure a seat at this price. They will be taught practically to open, conduct and close books by Double Entry. Business men and clerks join these cheap classes.

THE SCHOOL OF MR. BINGHAM FOR BOYS—Called the CLASSICAL GYMNASIUM, Bible House, Astor-place, entrance on 3d-av. The complement is twenty, in each of the two departments. The training thorough, gymnastics and elegant.

MOUNT WASHINGTON COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE, No. 218 4th-st., on Washington-square (entrance No. 505 Broadway).
CLARKE & FANNING, Principals.

PIANO, FRENCH AND GERMAN TAUGHT—By an very moderate terms, by professors, at their residence, No. 223 West 30th-st., between 6th and 7th-ave. Day and evening classes for languages.

WILLIAM SCHUBERT, GUITARIST—Recently from Philadelphia, offers his professional services. Application to be made at his residence, No. 383 Greenwich, near 9th-st., New-York. The best references will be given.

FOR SALE.

HOUSE FOR SALE.—The three story brick house and lot No. 134 West 35th-st., south side, between 6th and 7th-aves., all modern improvements; house is feet 9 inches by 50 feet deep; lot 25 feet 9 inches deep. Price $7,500, part on bond and mortgage.

Also, the three story with basement brick house and lot No. 235 West 13th-st., north side, between 6th and 7th-aves., all modern improvements; house 20 by 55 feet; lot 25 feet 9 inches. Price $8,000; part on bond and mortgage.

Also, for sale, lease, or exchange for City property, the sawyer mill, corner of 26th-st. and 11th-av., 50 feet front, 80 feet deep, substantially built, suitable for a flouring mill, which moves from usually busy, as steam power engine, nearly new and in complete order, on lease ground, 16 years unexpired at $125 per annum. Apply to WM. DUMONT, No. 31 Wall-st.

HOUSES FOR SALE OR TO LET.—The five new 3½-story houses, Nos. 213, 215, 217, 219 and 221, 30th-st., a few doors west of 8th-av. They are furnished with all the modern improvements, gas, baths, marble mantels and Croton water (from first to fourth stories); these houses are not alone Secure, &c. Situated between two railroads (the 8th and 9th-aves.) Price moderate. If sold, $5,000 may remain on bond and mortgage on each, or will be let reasonably to good tenants. Apply on the premises, in No. 213 from 10 to 12 A. M. and from 3 to 4 P. M. daily; or address, for inquiries, SAMUEL SPARKS, No. 68 West 35th-st., or W. E. & W. SPARKS, corner of Lexington-av. and 35th-st.

HOUSE FOR SALE.—No. 66 Willow-st., Brooklyn Heights; is three-story, brick, built in the most thorough and careful manner, and by day's work. House, 25 by 64 feet; three rooms deep in most cases, and finished in the best manner, and in good repair. Price, $6,000. Lot, 25 by 102 feet. Terms—Half cash, half on bond and mortgage. This is a corner house, and is one of the most healthy locations in the city. Apply on the premises, from 4 to 1 P. M., or 7 to 8½ o'clock, A. M., or to
ALFRED EDWARDS, Executor, No. 111 Broadway.

HOUSE AND LOT FOR SALE.—The beautiful three-story and high-basement brick dwelling, built in modern style, with gas and Croton throughout, very pleasantly located at No. 151 West 22d-st., between 6th and 7th-aves. Lot, 18 by 80 feet, leaving open to the 20 feet of Mary-st. Price, $6,000. Apply to GEO. D. COGGESHALL, on the premises; or to F. S. MINER, No. 236 Front-st., corner Peck-slip.

HOUSE FOR SALE.—A Steam Saw Mill, at the foot of North 11th-st., Williamsburg, in good running order, with two sets of saws, and one of gang; machinery for a large and well-assorted stock of oak and pine lumber. A bargain can be had by immediate application to HOMER MORGAN, Pine-st., No. 8 Metropolitan Bank Building, where the terms will be made known.

HOUSE FOR SALE.—The three story brown stone House, No. 148 Avenue B, between 8th and 10th-sts. House is 22 feet front and about 50 feet deep. Has modern improvements. For terms, apply at No. 150 10th-st., one door east of 3d-av.

$300,000 TO CAPITALISTS.—For sale or exchange for other good and paying property, or for Tennessee or Virginia State Bonds, the most desirable cotton factory in the United States. It is located in a healthy and populous district of country. Has a ready communication with the most important Southern cities, where wood labor is abundant, and 33½ per cent. cheaper than in the Northern States. The raw material is also cheaper, and nearer for the manufacturer's section (on four sides) as it always ahead of the supply, at 20 to 25 per cent. cheaper. New-York prices. There are 100 acres of land, a good dwelling, and forty two-story framed houses, besides the cotton mill and other necessary buildings on the premises. The factory building is of brick, 120 feet long, three stories high, with wing three stories high. There are in operation 3,200 spindles and 120 looms, all as good as new, and room for more than twice the number of spindles. The water power is pronounced by judges the best—all things considered—in the country, always enough in dry, and more than enough in rainy seasons. The Company has a liberal charter, which can be conveyed with the property. For further information and particulars, address Box No. 2,196, Post-Office, New-York. Principals only treated with.

COUNTRY SEAT FOR SALE.—A small, neat cottage, with about two acres of land, slightly located on the Richmond Plank-road, near Vanderbilt's Landing, Staten Island. The grounds are in excellent order, and a fine assortment of fruit and ornamental trees. There is on the place a convenient [illegible] and [illegible]. Enquire of
JOHN PHILLIPS, No. 107 Pearl-st.

FARM FOR SALE.—A desirable farm of 201 acres, 11 miles from the Railroad Depot at Freehold, Monmouth County, N. J.; 24 hours from New-York or Philadelphia; with a great quantity and good quality of meadow; arable and good land, suitable for a dairy farm, trucking to ordinary cultivation, finely watered, convenient to churches, academy, schools, markets and mart; without incumbrance; title good; pleasant neighborhood and healthy country. Will be sold at public vendue, by the Sheriff of Monmouth, on the 1st day of February. Persons desiring to purchase can be shown the premises by the undersigned, who will give a clear title. Sale to take place at 2 o'clock P. M. at Walsh & Garrison's Hotel, Freehold, N. J.,

AUCTION SALES.

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HENRY H. LEDIS, Auctioneer.

BY H. H. LEEDS & CO.—THURSDAY, and FRIDAY, Jan. 25 and 26, at 10½ o'clock, at the salerooms No. 10 Nassau-st., large sale of high fancy goods, on entire instalment of Wilmarth's well established fancy ware, in addition of fancy goods, comprising articles in ivory, pearl, tortoise shell, gold, silver, and other metals, Jewelry, Perfumery, Fancy Soaps, Pocket Cutlery, Fancy Stationery, Toys, Dolls, Fancy Goods, Gilt Frames, Mirrors, Gilt Cornices, Fancy Boxes, Ladies' Dressing Cases, Work Boxes, Ladies' Reticules, Pocket Books, Wallets, Pocket Books, Pocket Combs, Fancy Combs, Fancy Brushes, Fancy Soaps, Perfumery, Fancy

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Discussion of the bill for the supervision of railroads was the special order of business for this afternoon. It had some before hand the special order for Friday, and under the first section had been made a long speech which was, with an amendment requiring that the profit of those who should sell out should be restricted to twenty-five per cent, occupying that much at the first sitting. The Committee reported progress, and obtained leave to sit another day at the remaining sections of an early date.

Yesterday the vote yesterday, and in manner that the amendment was rejected (that a tender was made to public and the amendment which had been adopted at the previous sitting. This was discussed for about two hours, the question was reported, and the Committee rose and reported, and the Committee rose and reported the bill with amendments.

The Senate met at 7 o'clock, and among the first business was the Canal Order, day, and among the first business was the bill for the suppression of intemperance. Of course the House went into Committee of the Whole, which motion prevailed. No amendments were made, and the House adjourned.

The Senate spent a long and affected week. All the bills for the relief of the Catastrophic people were read a third time and passed, as will appear by the following memorial addressed to the Code of Procedure:

THE CODE.

Resolved to amend the one hundred and fifty-third section of the Code of Procedure.

Resolved, by the Senate of New-York, represented in Senate, assembly, do enact as follows:

The one hundred and fifty-third section of the Code of Procedure is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

[illegible]

[illegible] Senate Committee, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Lenox, Mr. Bockes, Mr. Ferry, Mr. Ullman, Mr. Bockes, Mr. Ferry, Mr. Ullman, Mr. Bockes, Mr. Ferry, Mr. Ullman